

THE BUND NOW IN WAR ZONE

Shells Kill Many In Ex-French Concession BIG FIRES IN POOTUNG

Shanghai, May 20.

Severe fighting today raged in the Pootung district East of Shanghai across the Whangpoo. As the Communists threw in reinforcements in an effort to punch a way to the banks of the river adjacent to the downtown area, Nationalist infantry and armoured units with air support joined in an all-out effort to hold them back.

Martial Law In Taiwan

Taipei, Taiwan, May 20. Garrison Headquarters announced today that Taiwan will be under martial law as from midnight tonight.

All ports will be closed to shipping with the exception of Keelung, Keelung and Makung—Reuter.

General Pai To Map Out Defence Plan

Canton, May 20. General Pai Chung-hsi, Commander-in-Chief of Central China, flew here yesterday afternoon from Chungking and immediately was closeted with Acting President Li Tsung-jen on the war situation in Kiangsi and Hupoh provinces.

General Pai is to co-ordinate with the over-all defence plans for the remaining areas of Nationalist China as tentatively reached among high Government officials, here during the conference of the past three days, culminating in the final decision that Canton as the capital will be defended.

Except those directing the defence of Shanghai all ranking generals are now in Canton to map out plans on the forthcoming battle of decision with the Communists. One report said that the stubborn defence in Shanghai will delay the Communist push to South China and that the threat to Kwantung is the Communist guerrillas and some mutinous provincial forces in North East Kwantung.

Swatow is under alert as the Red guerrillas and some mutinous provincial forces are about 60 miles North and West of the seaport.

The official warning that non-essential people in Canton should evacuate is not seriously taken because many people have no place to go while many places up provinces are subject to banditry. Evacuees are mostly Government families and rich people going to Hong Kong—Associated Press.

MANY DROWN IN BENGAL

Calcutta, May 20. About 100 people were drowned in the Meghna river in East Bengal, Pakistan, when a ferry boat, carrying 200 passengers, struck a sand-bank and capsized. The remaining passengers managed to swim ashore—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) from the Pacific anticyclone a ridge extends to the China Sea whilst a weak anticyclone covers the Yellow Sea and N. China. A deep and intensifying depression S to Tokyo is moving ENE. From it a vigorous trough extends SW to near Amoy and towards Canton.

Today's Forecast: Light SW winds. Mainly fair with brief showers during afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 82.0 deg. F. Minimum 78.5 deg. F. Sunshine 10.5 hours. Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 2. 214.2 mm. (8.43 in.) at an average of 462.7 mm. (18.41 in.)

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m.

Bar. at sea	1010.4	1010.5	1010.6
Temp.	25.0	25.5	25.5
Rel. Humidity	74	75	75
Dew Point	74	75	75
Wind	SW	SW	SW
Wind Force	5	10	10
Clouds	10	10	10
Visibility	10	10	10
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Events this morning were clouded in obscurity in the absence of official statements, but reports from various sources indicated the Reds were exerting more pressure on this Eastern front than the Northern Woosung sector and have now enough manpower to strike in several directions simultaneously.

A government communique claimed that its reinforcements landed on the sea coast were assaulting the Reds from the rear in co-ordination with counter-jabs Eastward from points of varying distances inland from Pootung to a point around Kaohiao.

There appeared to be little doubt, however, that the Nationalists were hard put to hold the upper hand in the Pootung battle and some Chinese reports said they suffered a setback around Chuansha, about 10 miles directly East of downtown Shanghai.

Pootung Fires

Twenty-six fires burned tonight along the Whangpoo on the Pootung side of the river as a result of shelling and demolition. The fires appeared to range from small villages on the horizon to industrial installations a few hundred feet from the East bank of the river opposite Shanghai.

They extended from Shanghai almost half way to Woosung, where the Whangpoo and Yangtze converge. Except for the chain of fires the night was relatively quiet.

Neutral observers speculated if the Nationalists have any intentions of withdrawing to accommodate the Chinese line, the river route would be the most practical for large deployments, and wondered what will happen if the Reds are able to line the banks with guns on the Pootung side and control all navigation.

Although there have been no indications, official or otherwise, that the government command has altered plans to fight in Shanghai to the last and there have been reports of reinforcements arriving.

At night, the famed Bund is closed, the expected evacuation of troops has not developed. The foreigner who visited the front said he saw no large ships loading there.

Many foreigners received anonymous communications in the mails saying that a number of foreigners have been blacklisted by reactionaries and will be taken care of before the final withdrawal.

Apparently the messages were from some underground organisation.

Reinforcements

The Police Commissioner, Colonel Mao Sen, said large reinforcements were continually arriving in Shanghai from an undisclosed base. If this is true it is believed possible the situation might yet be retrieved or stabilised despite the initial reverses.

However, informed neutral quarters remained sceptical in view of the apparent steady Communist pressure which is alternating between the Northern and Eastern fronts.

Views Differ On Japan

London, May 20. Official sources said today that divergence of views is developing between the British and United States governments on future policy for Japan.

The British viewpoint is that it would be wrong to permit Japan to be treated as a sovereign power before the signing of a Government peace treaty.

British government had every sympathy with the United States purpose of bolstering Japan's industrial economy but it was strongly opposed to a policy of giving Japan greater freedom to participate in international affairs—United Press.

Navigation

Navigation on the threatened Whangpoo, however, dwindled to a vanishing point. The harbour master's office said this morning it was uncertain whether any small Chinese vessels will try to go out or come in today past Woosung forts 10 miles North. It said larger vessels were lying off the Pootung side of the river were not carrying on their regular duties this morning—Reuter.



Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip talk to each other in the pavilion at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. AP Photo.

Troop Movements In Shanghai

Increased Nationalist troop movements in the city of Shanghai during the 36 hours up to noon yesterday, involving flower-bedecked trucks carrying armed men Southward along The Bund... this was the news brought in by the latest plane-load of evacuees from the Communist-besieged city in the North.

The Lungwa Airfield continued to be in service, a passenger told the "China Mail", adding however, that the authorities had warned that they could not guarantee when the next plane would fly out of the city. "Ours may yet be the last," the informant said.

One Austrian family, arriving by the CNAC aircraft on a transit flight to Europe, stated that the Nationalists were quitting Shanghai and that the changeover, which they expect now will be but a matter of three or four days, would be a quiet one.

"The people of Shanghai are confused as to how things will turn out ultimately," one woman with her three-year-old son whom she calls "Dick," told the "China Mail."

"When Nanking fell, we thought that Shanghai would go the same way. But later, the Nationalists began fortifying the city with barricades and sandbags. Troops with machine guns guarded every street in the city."

"The people of Shanghai then prepared for intense fighting. For these fortifications indicated to us that there would be street fighting."

"But later still," she continued, "the soldiers began leaving. And before we left, passing along the route on the way to the airfield, I saw many of these barricades empty of soldiers. That is why I think now, that the taking over of Shanghai will be a peaceful operation."

The woman said that she saw truckloads of soldiers all very happy and smiling with flowers around them, but could not say where the troops were going, except that they were heading Southward.

A missionary who arrived by the same plane did not see the truckloads of troops but "I have seen some new outfits coming into town," therefore, probably there would be some more fighting before it is all over.

All passengers interviewed by the "China Mail" agreed that the Nationalist troops in Shanghai are well disciplined.

Karen State Proclaimed

Rangoon, May 20. Karen insurgents have proclaimed a Karen state in central Burma, Burmese press reports state today.

The reports said that the Karens had issued a printed proclamation from their headquarters at Nyaung-U, a village about 90 miles North of Rangoon, declaring that the area between Daku and Dugloo is a Karen state.

Daku is 78 miles North of Rangoon, and Dugloo is 85 miles further North—Reuter.

Chat Across The Gangway

USSR To Release Jap POW's

Moscow, May 20. The Soviet Repatriation Authority said today all remaining Japanese war prisoners in Russia will be repatriated to Japan between May and November.

An official statement carried by Tass News Agency said that in all there were 95,000 Japanese prisoners who will be returned to their homeland.

This will complete repatriation of Japanese prisoners, the statement said, except for "certain groups of persons in regard to whom investigation is being conducted in connection with war crimes committed by them."

The statement said all expenses for repatriation must be prepaid by the Japanese Government as provided in an agreement on repatriation between the Soviet member of the Allied Council for Japan and the staff of General MacArthur on December 10, 1946.

The Tass statement said of the total number of 564,000 Japanese officers and men taken prisoners by the Russians, 70,800 were freed directly in the area of military action in 1945. It said 419,000 more were repatriated to Japan through May 1, 1949.

The Russian announcement today that she had only about 95,000 Japanese as prisoners of war touched off speculation in Tokyo about the disposition of the remainder of more than 400,000 which both Americans and Japanese claim in Russian hands.

General MacArthur's figures show there are 408,720 Japanese still in Soviet-controlled areas. The Japanese Repatriation Relief Board claimed there are 409,059 Japanese still prisoners of the Russians. Of the 2,177,853 Japanese known to be in Soviet territory, 1,708,704 have been repatriated.

The difference in the figures released by the Russians and the figures available here in Tokyo started both the Japanese masses and officials of General MacArthur's headquarters wondering what has happened to most of the group captured by Soviet armed forces—Associated Press and United Press.

Nations In Asia Should Meet First

Seoul, May 20. President Syngman Rhee said today that if the U.S. believes a Pacific pact is impossible now "I think Asiatic nations alone can meet together for their own collective security."

Rhee told a news conference that messages had been exchanged on the subject and "certain nations have indicated an interest." He thought a "good many" Asiatic countries might participate.

Rhee mentioned Australia and the Philippines as countries showing an interest in a possible meeting.

"Later on," he added, "the United States Government may see it is ready to participate in it."

Secretary of State Dean Acheson in Washington on Wednesday ruled out for the present any idea that the United States would join in a Pacific defence pact similar to the North Atlantic pact—Associated Press.

UK Rejects Soviet Move On Greece

London, May 20. The Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain has rejected Russian proposals for a Big Three conference on Greece because "we will take no step behind the backs of the Greek government."

The Russian proposals were made by the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, in New York last month to United States Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk and British Minister of State Hector McNair.

They called for a peace appeal to both sides, an amnesty, immediate elections, withdrawal of Anglo-American aid and troops, Greek Communist participation in the new government and Russian participation in the Greek Border Control Commission—United Press.

COMPLICATIONS SEEN ON HK AND FORMOSA

Canton, May 20. The islands of Formosa and Hong Kong and the mainland New Territories of Kowloon lease to Britain will be magnets that will involve the United States and Britain in China's civil war if involvement results—and there are many who cannot see anything else.

The United States already is indirectly drawn into the civil war because of the intense deliberations at present under way in Canton among the Nationalists on further removal of the capital. Chungking in Szechwan Province and Taipei in Formosa are the two places involved in a tug of war over the decision.

New Houses Requisitioned

Newly built houses were requisitioned by Government for the first time on Thursday.

The houses are at Nos. 22 and 24, Cameron Road, Kowloon, each with four flats. They were taken over for the use of the Army.

Previously, the Quartermaster's Authority concentrated on houses built before the war, and a number have been requisitioned for civilians.

Despite the fact that the U.S. State Department has long soft-pedalled United States interest in Formosa or its activities with regard to Formosa's future, it is pretty well known the island looms big in future American plans for the Pacific area.

Briefly, the involvement of Formosa centres around the question: Does the Nationalist government have the right to set up a refugee government on the island over which, technically, it has only supervisory authority until final disposition is made in a peace treaty with Japan?

The Chinese government has long-range views regarding Formosa and among them is China's inalienable right to the island lost to Japanese conquest more than half a century ago. One of the highest officials in the Nationalist government now in Canton, who asked to remain anonymous, told the United Press:

Several formulas that can be drafted with regard to Formosa, but any that sets forth a claim that the Chinese government has a right to it is a mistake of them."

The official said as far as the United States interest in retaining Formosa as a Pacific bastion is concerned, the State Department cannot claim superior or prior right to Formosa above that of the Chinese government until the entire question is threshed out at a Japanese peace conference."

The source said any formula which is designed to make the island a United States defence link in the West Pacific would have to be considered in the light of Chinese claims.

The official view here is it does not make any difference whether it will be Communist or Nationalist representatives that may be on hand when a Japanese peace conference is held, that the Russian veto would block any plan to give the United States Formosan benefits.

Consultations. The source said it could be assumed, but it is not known to the Chinese if it is actually being done, there have been consultations between the United States and Britain on the future of Formosa and Hong Kong.

There are none, however, willing to admit they think the Chinese Reds would "start shooting at Kowloon or Hong Kong."

The long-range Nationalist viewpoint includes the idea that the best course for the United States and Britain to follow with respect to Formosa and Hong Kong is to leave the status quo undisturbed on the thesis that the Chinese will not long tolerate the Communists and there will be a new revolution of some kind in the not too far future—United Press.



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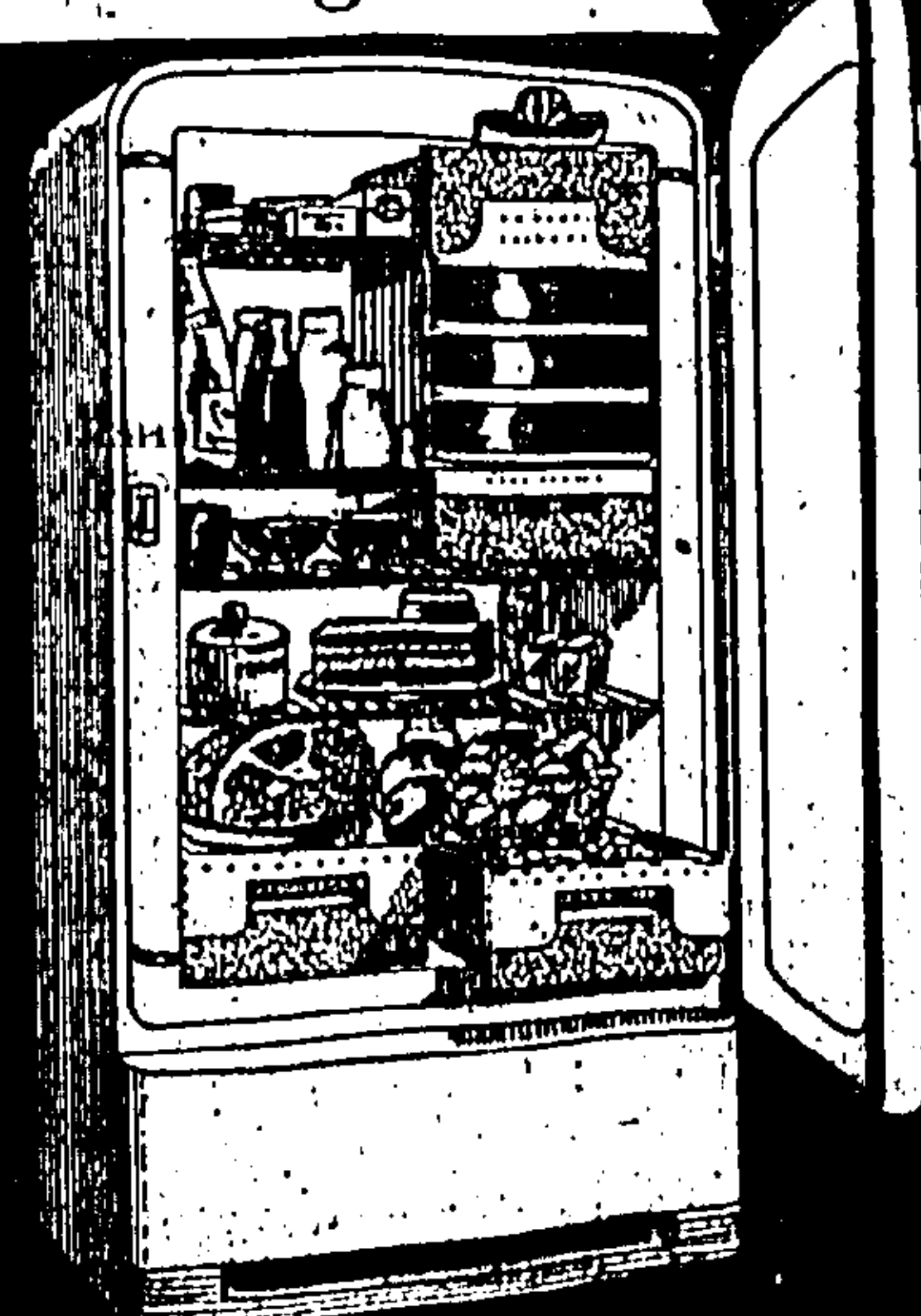
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CORRESPONDENCE

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Societies Ordinance

Sir—The Government's move for amending the Commissioner of Police to reject registration of political organisations with connections outside of the Colony is a wise step. It will put a stop once and for all the abnormality of an organisation in the Colony, the Liberation, Political racketeers, and carpet-baggers who have made Hong Kong their profitable field of operations will have to keep themselves quiet, or they will become migrating birds to other parts of the earth.

Hong Kong suffered much from interference by political gangsters coming in from outside. Tai Li's gang styled themselves as the Squadron of "Liberators" and concerned themselves with extortion and blackmailing more than with the beautiful mission of catching collaborators with the enemy. In fact they aimed at crushing pro-Anglo-American elements and befriending friends of the "Liberators" and Nana. The whole machine was a scandal, thanks to Hong Kong's tolerance and hospitable policy for its allied "agents".

Hong Kong has to share with the disgrace by granting a general pardon and by enacting the Occupation Land Transaction Bill. Then came the Kuomintang under the manipulation of "Cher" brothers. They attempted to conduct a general election. They have succeeded in controlling most of the vernacular schools. They exploited the pupils and the public. They became one time the majority of buyers of real estates. They deteriorated the moral and educational standard of the Colony. Recently they conspired together to misappropriate trust property for charity and education. Some of them ran banks, and some of them ran away with the depositors' hard earned savings and then opened new banks with their ill-gotten gains. Some of them collected the public's funds and then knocked their own heads in attempts to deceive the public. Only because Hong Kong police were too smart for them they were caught and sentenced to Stanley.

Their evil-doings never ceased, although there were good individuals. No one can deny now that the Ping Shan Airfield question were exploited by the Kuomintang, protected by Hong Kong's Law, or the purpose of undermining Hong Kong's authority.

If and when the proposed legislation is enacted, Hong Kong will be purged of such unclean and trouble-making institutions. Public-spirited residents will find out that the Kuomintang attitude shall not be punished or made scapegoats of political expediency. Last but not least, politicians who entrenched themselves in the vernacular school system and who battered on the public by collecting the utmost and offering the poorest instructions, or who helped themselves with donations, contributions, endowments and trusted properties for charity and education, shall be asked to get out and never come back.

Soldier's Reaction

Sir—It was very pleasing to me and the majority of my service friends to read your correspondent's (Mr. H. G. Woodhead's) article in yesterday's issue of your esteemed paper. He put forward some very good suggestions, to improve the lot of the servicemen in the Colony.

I wonder if they will be acted upon to any degree at all. The general attitude of the public here is and has been deplorable for the past few years. Being a member of the original occupation forces of August 30, 1945, I have watched with interest the enthusiasm we were originally received with, decline to open opposition, until the last few weeks of the Communist scares.

The attitude of the general public, especially European, has been up to a degree, at least, with a young lady not so very long ago. I had suggested going to town in uniform as it was more convenient for me that day, her answer like that, the majority of us have received, "I don't mind, but if my friends

see me with a Serviceman in uniform, they will think am lower than to the status of a street-girl." In other words, it is better for a girl to go with a man twice her age as long as his clothes are not uniform. Of course the people that wear uniform are forced to keep it tidy and clean, but material or looks are preferred before cleanliness. Personally I am not a Communist. I tried everything in my power to stay at home in preference to coming to this flower of the East. I have no interests in staying in the Colony. I am not a hero, if I were allowed to go home tomorrow, I would be more than pleased. It would be far nicer for me to be at home with my family, than risking my life in the interests of capitalism.

I repeat Mr. Woodhead's proposals were very good, but will they repair the damage done in the last few years? I doubt it.

DUSTY.

Requisitioning

Sir—Your leader on requisitioning premises for military and security purposes is a very fair statement. In time of emergency like this the defence of the realm and preservation of peace and order should be the first aim of the Government. No landlord should claim his violability when the violability of the land is a possibility and probability.

The action of the Quartering Authority should therefore be supported by the public. Any landlord who protested because he thinks his house and holy smoke are infringed upon by the Government should be ignored and even condemned.

The only unfortunate part is that landlords in Hong Kong are essentially the overlords of the Colony as they represent the vested interests who dominate all phases of activities. Their spokes are put on the wheels of the Government's machinery in such a way that the masses have to pay for the original sin of their masters in any government measures including requisitioning.

To be concrete I point out the discrepancies resulted in the several requisitionings that already took place.

The flats taken in Lockhart Road have nothing to do with police or defence. They were not taken from the landlords, but from the tenant who has no alternative accommodations for these unaccommodated members of staff. These flats were taken from a tenant, a Hong Kong-born Chinese, who bought and lived his life in the British Navy for four years. The only fault with him is that he did not stay here during the War and bought many houses to be protected by our celebrated Occupation Land Transaction Ordinance.

Consequently his pleadings and representations were of good use. The requisitioning must stand. The Allocation Committee put somebody in and demanded water and whatnots. Somebody whose name we don't know was connected with war work or with reconstruction of the Colony or not.

The victim of this requisitioning was so far not even given a chance to be heard. Then there was another side of the story—the story of discrimination. A first-rate residential house was requisitioned simultaneously. A few days later there was the de-requisition. An angle of a banker was involved, gossip said.

One does not need to add that another residential building in Kowloon was scheduled to be taken over for public good. Then before the police arrived some one occupied it with plenty of furniture. And papers reported that it was not requisitioned eventually. Who tipped the landlord off? Why did not the Government conduct an investigation? Why was there no punishment for the leakage of information?

The Government, it seems, should pay more attention to the question of discrimination and discrepancies in the administration of requisitioning. It is going to be very important from the standpoint of security and stability.

EX-SERVANT OF
BRITISH NAVY.

An Offer

Sir—My attention was drawn to the letters appeared consecutively in your journal last Saturday and Sunday under the non-descript title of "Simple Simon" and the even less revealing "K". Besides the "rickety" to challenge or under the cloak of anonymity, I have always view with horror the spectacle of an "informant" and indecisive tug-of-war in the correspondence columns in Hong Kong. To join extended from the Reform Club on February 20 that "we shall rejoice to see the public in the public has yet 'Simple Simon'."

I was elected yesterday by the Standing Committee of the Chinese Reform Association to speak at a public meeting on Sunday, the 22nd, 2 p.m. at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's Hall, 61 Connaught Rd., Central, almost opposite to the Central Bus Terminus, to discuss "Constitutional Reform" when I shall be most ready to answer both "Simple Simon" and "K" should they care to accept my cordial invitation to come and make their presence known, privately or publicly, to see before I am due to speak if they feel inclined to reply and address the meeting. I reply and do my very best to arrange it in whichever way they may wish.

Hoping this sporting offer will set the minds of all well-wishers of Hong Kong at rest that there is room for improvement even in Hong Kong and that this public encounter, if materialised, will contribute in some small measure toward Colonial's aim of a Reformed Hong Kong, an aim common to both the Hong Kong Reform Club and the Chinese Reform Association.

MA MAN FAI.

Chinese Point

Sir—You and your so-called democratic Press of a democratic British Territory of Hong Kong often preach to us so-called Communists, that we have no freedom of thought and expression, whereas in British Territories there is. Well and good. My home being in Hong Kong and I am never no wanderer, I have so far lived under the democratic rule and therefore dare not say one word to the contrary. But I have lived in this British Hong Kong for nearly a quarter of a century and I have noticed that here every time a Chinese (and this means a Chinese) exercises his freedom of thought and expression, invariably one or two Britishers will come forward and tell him to shut up or get out of here.

In fact an old university mate of mine, who in spite of his red hair and rather European colour and skin, apparently could not find a living in good old England and therefore had to come back here, once did such a thing. We are told that we, being Chinese, have no right to give suggestion to or criticise the Hong Kong Government. Our right to pay our taxes has not been questioned.

I often wonder therefore if after all we Chinese here are expected to be like cockeyed, to see black as white and white as black, and to call slaves free people and vice versa.

I humbly beg my British Lords and Masters of Hong Kong to grant me pardon for this free writing which is only an expression of a stupid Chinese mind seeking instruction. I pray and hope also that my lords and masters of this colony will graciously forgive my fellow countrymen like Dr. S. Y. Wong and others for forgetting their position as Chinese in this British Colony because they may not know what they do.

A COCKEYED CHINESE.

Service View

Sir—I read with interest and a certain amount of annoyance, the letter published in yesterday's "China Mail," from a "Handful of Conscripts," and, as

Personalia

Among the passengers who arrived here from Canton yesterday by the ss. Fatsan were Captain R.D.H. Blight, Mr. W.F. Abessatrow, Mr. M.J.P. Keating, Mrs. P.A.N. de Boer, Mr. W.L. Thompson, Mrs. F. Pedler, the Rev. Mr. L.W. Smith, Mrs. D.J. Snyder, Mr. Howard V. Yergin, Mrs. Martha P. Yergin, Mrs. J. Chamber, Mrs. Agnes D. Greene, Mr. Thos. H. Luthicum, Mr. Howard Smith, Mrs. I. Smith, Mr. H. A. Barros and Commander Jean M. Le Mouroux.

Arrivals from Tientsin yesterday by the ss. Hunan included Mr. A.T. Mann, Mrs. G. Hill-Murray, Miss D. Hill-Murray, Mrs. J.B. Vincent, Mrs. Vincent, Mr. J.C. Gaudin, Mrs. Gaudin, Mr. H. Lehmann, and Mrs. Lehmann.

Mr. J. G. O'Donnell will address the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Roof Garden Hong Kong Hotel, on "Wings over Hawaii."

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. R. C. Chirico, Mr. and Mrs. M. de Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Eliot, Mr. and Mrs. P.K. Yuen, Messrs. R.L. Brongersma, A.S. Lee, O. Otfedal, A. Jensen, N. Waasland, P.P. Singh, E. Kallio, C.F. Southin, V. Anneson, C. Falnes, E. Clausen and E. Bligo.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Gustaf, Mr. O. Lamb, Captain and Mrs. R. Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. P.K. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosen, Mr. L. Tholin, Messrs. R. Rowan, C.L. Parks, C.M. Denton, N.I. Krikorian, W. Edge, R. Robertson, B. Platt, G.S. Barner, G. Dinaghe, H. Davis, J. Turner, and J.C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Thomson left for Manila yesterday by the ss. Hermelin.

a conscript myself, would like the opportunity of making one or two points relative thereto.

In the first place, whilst one is bound to agree that the relations between the services and civilians in the colony are not as ideal as they should be, it should be noted that the reasons for this are manifold. The public behaviour of certain members of the forces here leaves much to be desired, and whilst only a minority is concerned, it is within the power of that minority to prejudice the civilian population against the services as a whole. A situation, I might add, which occurred repeatedly in the case of overseas units stationed in Britain during the war.

My second point is, that the casting of somewhat unpleasant aspersions on the colony's population, as apparent in the "conscripts" letter, is not only foolish, but liable to strike a blow of the worst possible sort to the cause of mutual friendship, besides being most unfair to those civilians who have "played the game."

In conclusion, I will say that whilst the present situation leaves much to be desired, the rectification thereof lies not with one side only but with each of the parties concerned.

ANOTHER CONSCRIPT.

Excluded From Party

Sir—The Overseas Executive Committee of the Viet-Nam National Democratic Party (Que Dan Dang Viet Nam) in Canton newly issued a notice saying that Mr. Vu-Hong-Khanh is excluded from his party which declines any responsibilities for his acts and organisations under any denomination.

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Murderer Fails In Death Appeal

An appeal against his murder conviction by Ngai Pak-chuen, 26-year-old shop-keeper who murdered his cousin on September 29, 1948, was dismissed at the Supreme Court yesterday. The appeal was heard before a Full Court of Appeal comprising the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, and Mr. Justice Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge. It was against the decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, who on April 7 passed the death sentence on Ngai.

Ngai was represented by Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, was for the Crown.

The appellant was convicted for murder of his cousin on the ground floor of 26 Pottinger Street, where his father owns a shop.

The incident took place after a mahjong game, when, as a result of debts incurred therefrom, Ngai went into the room. He picked up a meat-knife and stabbed Lo King, his cousin and fellow worker. The man succumbed to his wounds on the way to hospital.

The grounds of the appeal against the conviction were (1) that the Judge was wrong in law to rule that there was no evidence of a fight, and misdirected the jury by refusing to permit defence counsel to address the jury on that evidence;

(2) that the Judge was wrong in law by ruling that the only issue which could be brought to the jury by the defence counsel was whether the wounding was accidental or deliberate, and thus misdirected the jury;

(3) that the Judge misdirected the jury by failing to put to them the evidence on which a verdict of manslaughter could be returned;

(4) that the Judge misdirected the jury by failing to put the case for the defence that there was a fight during which the fatal blow could have been struck without intention to do grievous bodily harm;

(5) that the Judge was wrong in law to rule that the defence counsel should not be allowed to ask the jury to infer that there was provocation on account of which the fatal blow could have been struck on the grounds that there was no evidence, material or circumstantial, which could warrant it; and

(6) that the verdict was against the weight of evidence.

Defence Contention

Mr. Chen told the Court that it was the contention of the defence on behalf of the prisoner in the Lower Court and at the trial that there had been a fight. It was intended to put to the jury that from this they should have reasonable doubt that the blow was struck intentionally, he added. Counsel also stressed the point that he did not however have the intention to put to the jury that the blow was done accidentally.

Mr. Chen went on to say that the Judge told the Court that the Judge ruled that defence counsel could not put it to the jury that there was a fight because he ruled that there was no evidence of a fight. That the statement made by the accused out of Court to someone else was not evidence of a fight was also said by the Judge.

After legal submissions, Mr. Chen said that the evidence should lead the jury to infer that

there was a fight during which the blow was struck unintentionally, and that they might find him guilty of manslaughter.

Cannot Reconcile

But by interpreting the word "accidental" in its pure literal meaning, Mr. Chen went on, the jury found it impossible to reconcile the defence which he was made to put up with the evidence and circumstances of the case.

Mr. Hooton, replying to Mr. Chen, said that the grounds of appeal were that the Judge should have left to the jury a possibility of arriving at a verdict from the evidence that a fight had taken place.

"My submission during the trial was, and still is, that there was no shred of evidence on which a verdict of manslaughter could be brought in by the jury," Mr. Hooton declared. He went on to give legal submissions, and quoted authorities in support of his contentions.

Mr. Chen then stated that the Judge at the trial was pinning him down to say to the jury that it was all an accident, and was thus forcing him to make an absurd and ridiculous defence.

"It is a very difficult thing to defend a man with murder and have certain limitations placed upon the defence counsel in putting out the onus," Mr. Chen stated.

He added that very great care should be taken by the Court in limiting the issue.

The Appeal Court reserved its decision in the morning until 4 p.m., when it announced the decision and dismissed the appeal.

The Court held that there was no misdirection on the part of the trial Judge, and that there was ample evidence on which the jury could return a verdict of murder.

Boy Given 18 Months

A sixteen-year-old boy was charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing a basket of clothes and \$45, total value \$85, from an unnumbered hut at Tai Po Road.

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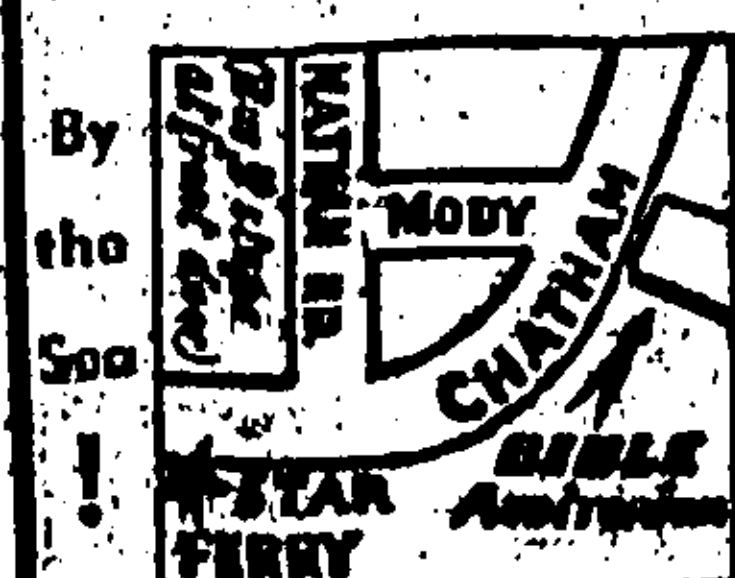
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MR. U TAT-CHEE SEES BRIGHT CHINA FUTURE

Mr. U Tat-chee, Hong Kong's Ginger King, in a broadcast over the BBC forecast a happy, prosperous China with a standard of living far in excess of any that China has known for more than a century.

A prosperous China must mean an active and prosperous Hong Kong, he added. Mr. U Tat-chee said he believes that the Chinese Communists will want to use Hong Kong as that vital connecting link between China and overseas markets.

He also believes that the Communists would welcome the expert knowledge of merchandising and the excellent connections which Hong Kong merchants possess.

North China

Mr. U Tat-chee said that in the first three months of the year, trade between Hong Kong and Communist occupied North China was 100 per cent more than the business with Nationalist North China in the first quarter of 1946.

The benefits which result from two peoples trading with one another, he added, "If the Communists rupture the excellent commercial relations which prevail at present between their areas and Hong Kong they will lose far more than Hong Kong."

The full text of the talk by Mr. U Tat-chee, leader of the Colony's Trade Delegation, follows:

"For the second time in the history of our Colony, Hong Kong is represented at the British Industries Fair. We came this year better prepared for the task to hand. We were fortified by our experiences of last year when we were new to the game, and we had more time this year to prepare for our stall at the exhibition."

"Our stall shows that we have learned a lot and profited by our mistakes of last year. The Hong Kong stall is in the very centre of the Commonwealth section, next to the South African exhibit

corners of the earth. They come from as far afield as South America and New Zealand, from the West Indies, Germany, Sweden, and the people of Finland have all been asking for Hong Kong commodities. There was one man from Damascus, another from Central Persia. Some do not speak English, and our representatives have had to converse in French.

"These are the countries and the people who are going to buy from Hong Kong during the forthcoming year. But of course they have not been permitted to depart without being told of the other advantages which Hong Kong has to offer. We have pointed out that if Hong Kong does not make it, we can probably procure it from somewhere else.

"I can confidently say that this year's effort at the British Industries Fair has been a success. Businessmen have seen us for what we are—a dynamic commercial community dominating the trade of the Far East and supporting some first class light industries at the same time.

"Two questions must be in the minds of most people today about the future of Hong Kong. These are: will the present prosperity continue, and, secondly, how will Hong Kong's trade fare when the anti-Nationalist forces draw near to the British Colony?

"He would be a daring man who would be prepared to give any emphatic answer to these questions. For my part, however, I believe that the Communists will want to use Hong Kong as



and opposite to that of Ceylon. While not the largest stall in the exhibition, in common with Hong Kong's reputation it is the largest Colonial stall.

"Owing to the varied types and sizes of the exhibits, the first impression of the stall is that it suffers by contrast with the neat lines and designs of the other stalls in the Commonwealth section. It is perfectly true that Hong Kong's stand is utilitarian rather than beautiful, but that is probably as it should be, because the visitors to the exhibition are hard-headed businessmen who have not come to see a picture gallery, but who want to do business."

"It is not to say that the public have ignored our stall. On the two days members of the public were admitted to the Fair, the Hong Kong stall was so crowded with sightseers that we had to have one-way traffic through the stall in order to keep the crowd moving so that all could see the stall."

"The comments have been much the same as last year. People have remarked on the variety of commodities which Hong Kong produces. One enthusiastic member said that it seemed fantastic that so many commodities could be produced on such a small island."

Good Results

"But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we are highly satisfied with the results. There has been a constant stream of enquiries from all the four

that vital connecting link between China and overseas markets. "I believe they will be glad to employ the expert knowledge of merchandising and the excellent connections which Hong Kong merchants possess in selling their products and in purchasing the goods they require from the outside world. The Communists are no strangers to Hong Kong in the commercial world. We have been, and are still, doing a rapidly expanding trade with Communist-held North Korea.

Beginning

"Our trade with the Communist areas of North China in the first quarter of 1946 is double what it was with Nationalist North China in the first quarter of 1945—and we have only just begun."

"This trade, while it has brought much prosperity to Hong Kong, has also been a tremendous advantage to North Korea and North China, and the benefits which result from two peoples trading with one another cannot have been lost on the Communists."

"If the Communists rupture the excellent commercial relations which prevail at present between their areas and Hong Kong, they will lose far more than Hong Kong, and it will delay the recovery of China indefinitely. Yet propaganda has been to raise the standard of living for the people of China."

"I am, therefore, very optimistic that both sides will avoid talking politics and confining them-

selves to talking what is of primary interest to both parties—namely, the free exchange of commodities between China and Hong Kong."

"If my analysis is correct, we can look forward to a happy prosperous China with a standard of living far in excess of any China has known for over a century, and a prosperous China must mean an active and prosperous Hong Kong."

Reminders

Today

Soccer matches, First and Second Division.

League Lawn Bowls matches at all clubs.

Exhibition by Mr. Wu Ai-fang, Hotel Cecil, 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Sixth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m. (Draw of Lantau Handicap Cash-sweep, 11 a.m.)

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Toc H Class classical concert, Talbot House, 60, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry pier, 2.30 p.m.

Recital by All Saints Chinese Choir, St. Andrew's Church, 8.30 p.m.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and he means necessarily agrees with them.

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Mr. Yu is charged with abusing with the title of chairman of the Party from which he was discharged since 1946. Against the C.E.C. of his party's decision, he is acting personally. Recently in March, a former spokesman of ex-Kingpin Bao-Dai at that time expelled in the English colony.

The Viet-Nam National Democratic Party's standpoint is appealing to the March 8 Agreement between Bao-Dai and the French and supporting the Viet-Nam Resistance forces in the struggle towards complete liberty and independence.

AN OVERSEA OBSERVER.

Hockey Season

Sir,—The hockey season is now at an end. Much has been said regarding the ability, sportsmanship and general bearing on the field of play by all clubs and players concerned, which has to my mind, in many cases given, he wrong impression to the numerous readers of the sporting page. Therefore, I think it is time that the players and spectators spoke up in answer.

The teams consist of players each playing the only true amateur game, with the object of a real friendly trust against their opponents. Unfortunately, tempers sometimes get frayed but I repeat but this fault too frequently is caused by the umpire, who fails to keep an unbiased hold on the game, gives unfair decisions, and permits too much wild play in the side. Mr. Xavier and Captain Chinnell are the only two umpires to my mind who can umpire a game, with any degree of efficiency, bearing in mind the climate of the umpire, who is biased, quick to check dangerous play, and accurate with their decisions.

The sporting (?) critics would do well to give a general picture of the game, also as unbiased as possible.

WING PLAYER.

Five Day Week

Sir,—Can you, or any of your Readers explain why the people of Hong Kong work in this trying climate (it isn't the 'hot' it's the 'humidity') five and a half days a week, when in England they only work five days a week?

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selves to talking what is of primary interest to both parties—namely, the free exchange of commodities between China and Hong Kong."

"If my analysis is correct, we can look forward to a happy prosperous China with a standard of living far in excess of any China has known for over a century, and a prosperous China must mean an active and prosperous Hong Kong."

Insurance Firm Has Good Year

Another successful year of operation was reported by the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited at their annual meeting held in Union Building yesterday.

Mr. C. Blaker, Chairman of the Board, informed shareholders that combined premium income for 1946 exceeded \$4,900,000, which was \$500,000 over the previous year. Total assets had topped the \$10,000,000 figure.

Both income and expenditure had expanded considerably as compared with previous years.

Claims and Expenses for 1939 were 53.49% and 62.93% as compared with 60.40% and 70.14% for 1946. The difference has been attributed to the Society to meet the abnormally high cost of operations as well as to improve upon the 1939 percentage of profits.

The net profit for the year was \$334,080.

Reviewing general trade conditions the Chairman said: "The troubled conditions of the world continued throughout the year. Economically there developed an unhealthy inflation that created a mirage of prosperity but concealed an underlying weakness and instability. Inevitably the mirage will disappear and, regrettably, so many, they will then come a sad awakening."

"There is little an individual can do to save off the blows of disillusionment, except, perhaps, by precept and example, striving to dispel the fantastic dream that the world owes everyone a living and that less work must be rewarded with more pay."

"Politically and economically Asia, in particular, is distressed and the outcome is undiscernible. The Society of course is concerned in this but the worldwide distribution of its business and assets is a protection against the more serious consequences."

Premium Income

"The combined premium income in all departments exceeded \$4,900,000, an increase of more than half a million pounds over the previous year. All departments played their part in attaining this record figure."

"The marine account shows premium income of \$2,650,231 as compared with \$2,280,646 in 1945. Whilst claims paid were slightly lower in percentage than last year, management expenses showed a small increase in ratio.

"From this account \$75,000 and \$200,000 have been transferred to provision for tax and the profit and loss account respectively."

"We were fortunate during the year in escaping serious major marine casualties. Although port conditions have improved in some countries, claims for pilferage of cargo represent a sizable proportion of claims paid and remain a cause for considerable concern to all underwriters."

Profit

"Fire premium income increased by more than \$200,000 and the transfer to profit and loss account of \$300,000 represents a satisfactory profit from this revenue account."

"In the accident and general account whilst the ratio of profit shown in 1947 has not been maintained, the underwriting profit is nevertheless satisfactory."

"The profit and loss account this year has been sub-divided into two sections.

"The first section shows that, including interest and dividends of \$202,343, the consolidated profit of the Companies for the year was \$334,080.

"The second section shows how the proportion of such profit pertaining to the Society, which amounts to \$234,080, has been appropriated. It also includes the balance brought forward from the previous year."

"The sum of \$24,502 has been retained in the subsidiary companies, while \$24,000 has been transferred to the Society's general reserve and \$10,000 has been set aside by the Society as a provision for staff pensions."

Re-elected

Mr. J. C. MacGowan and Mr. M. H. Turner, the retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board.

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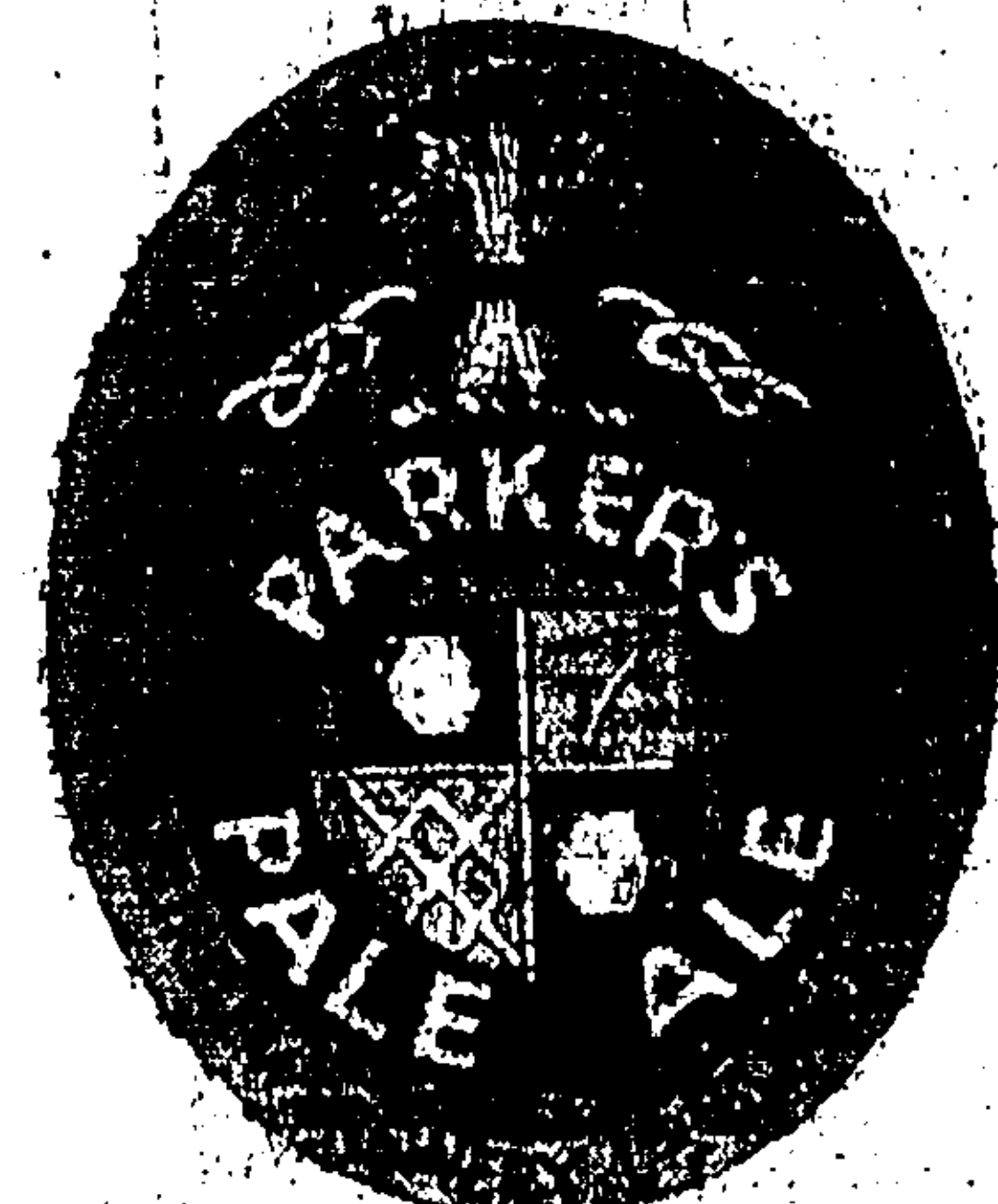
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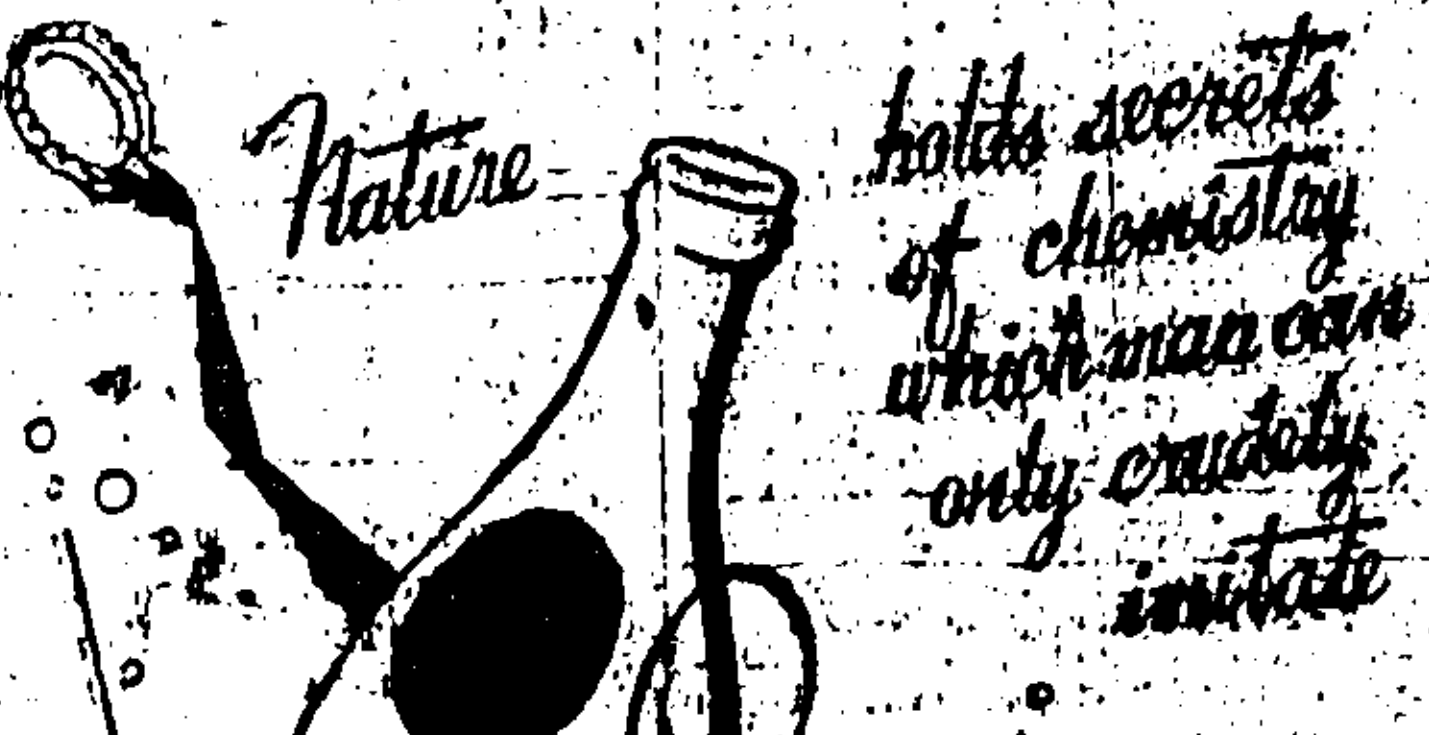
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An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, May 23, 1949, at 3 p.m.

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Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of May 8, 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

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If you are not able to commit yourself at present beyond a general offer to help in an emergency you are urged to make this offer now. You will incur no obligation by doing this and correspondingly the benefits of belonging to a recognised service will cover only those who have actually enrolled; nevertheless, offers of service made now are very valuable to the Government because they will establish the number of people other than those enrolled whose general assistance can be counted on if an emergency arises.

Those who wish to enrol in a combatant unit of the Hong Kong Defence Force or in its Essential Services Wing, should call at the H.Q. Hong Kong Defence Force, Lower Albert Road, where all enquiries will be answered. Those who elect for the Special Constabulary should call at 1st floor, Central Police Station.

Those who are able only to offer their services are asked to complete a form of which a copy is printed and to send it to the Colonial Secretariat. These forms may be obtained either from the Public Relations Office, H.Q. Hong Kong Defence Force or from the Colonial Secretariat. The notes printed on the form will make it clear that signing the forms involves no more than a general offer to help and that those who do so will not be forced into a type of job for which they consider themselves unsuited. They may, of course, be asked to hold themselves in readiness to undertake some particular work when an emergency occurs, and if they agree to do this, it will be open to them to enrol whenever they wish to do so. Or they may simply be listed as a strategic reserve of helpers to whom the Government can turn when more workers are needed than those which the recognised services can provide.

[An application Form will be found on Page 2]

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CHRIST CHURCH KOWLOON TONG

Mon., Tues., Fri., Sat.—H.C. at 7.45 a.m.

Wed., Thurs.—H.C. at 7.15 a.m.

22nd May, Rogation Sunday.

9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m.—Children's Service.
10.00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

Prefcher: The Rev. R.C. Lin.
8.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

24th May, Tuesday.

6.00 p.m.—Cubs.

25th May, Wednesday.

8.15 p.m.—Compline.

8.30 p.m.—Council Meeting.

26th May, Ascension Day.

7.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.

27th May, Friday.

6.00 p.m.—Scouts.

8.15 p.m.—Compline.

8.30 p.m.—Study Group.

29th May, Centenary of the Diocese.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LANTAO HANDICAP 1949 NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The sale of Tickets on the above will CLOSE at 5 p.m. on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1949.

The DRAW will be held at the Public Pari-Mutuel Hall, the Race Course, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 21st May.

According to the conditions of the Sweep 40% of the pool, after deduction of Government Tax and Commission, is to be divided amongst drawers of unplaced qualified ponies whether entered or not.

For the purpose of the draw, the Stewards have ruled that "qualified ponies whether entered or not" shall include all 1949 Subscription Ponies at 1st February, 1949.

By Order,
D. L. PROPHET,
Actg. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS Sixth Race Meeting, SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1949.

There are ten races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at this Meeting. Tickets for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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BY ORDER,
D. L. PROPHET,
Actg. Secretary.

Four Dogs With Rabies

Four dogs suffering from rabies were caught by the Health authorities during the week ended May 14. It was officially learned yesterday. The dogs, found in Kowloon City, were destroyed. Dog owners were warned yesterday that the law requires all dogs abroad to be muzzled. Dogs found in the streets without muzzles will be shot on sight, it was added.

Youth Guilty Of Mischief

Tam Shei-yip, a 20-year-old office boy, was charged with effecting a public mischief by making a false statement to the Police, before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant reported to the Central Police Station on May 10, that \$330 were snatched from him by a man near the Ta Shing Pawnshop.

Inquiries in the vicinity revealed that no one seemed to have seen the incident.

The money was entrusted to defendant by his relative to redeem some gold articles from the pawnshop.

When defendant was later questioned, he admitted that he had lost the money during a poker game.

Defendant's cousin in court said in mitigation that defendant had been a hard working man.

Tam was fined \$100 or 30 days, and his cousin was bound over in the sum of \$200 for a year.

FISHERMAN FINED FOR DYNAMITE

Cheuk Ma-tse alias 'Tsim Tsui', aged 28, alleged to be a fisherman, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for possessing dangerous goods on board his junk.

Defendant was arrested at Starling Inlet, Sha Tau Kok, on May 10, on board his junk police found eight dynamite bombs, and eight detonators and fuses.

On the application of the prosecuting officer, the case against Mohamed Din, charged with larceny by finding, and Chan Wai, charged with receiving, was adjourned to May 23.

First defendant found a platinum bracelet set with 33 diamonds on December 11, 1948 but did not report to the authority concerned.



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DON'T RETAIN THE LEAD

LEADING for a finesse, which may have to be repeated if it proves successful the first time, ordinarily makes it advisable for the declarer to put forth a card which will win if the missing honour is located favourably.

That enables him then to hold the lead in the same hand for a second finesse. Such a procedure must be reversed, however, if it seems probable that he may require an additional entry into the opposite holding, possibly for finessing a different suit in the opposite direction, possibly for some other purpose. In that event, it may be well for him to win his first finesse in the hand opposite that from which the lead is made, even if he has to overtake a potential winner.

S J 9 8 7
H Q J 6
D Q 8 6 2
C 5 3
S Q 10 3 2
H 9 2
D 5 3
C K J 10
7 6
S A K 5
H 7 5 4
D A 10 9 7
C Q 4 2

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 H Pass
1 S Pass 2 NT Pass
3 C Pass 3 NT
East made a pretty strong bid there with his 2-No Trumps, but

if he had bid just one it might have been deemed pretty tough by West to call 2-Clubs and thereby produce a chance to reach the game which was makeable against the defence offered.

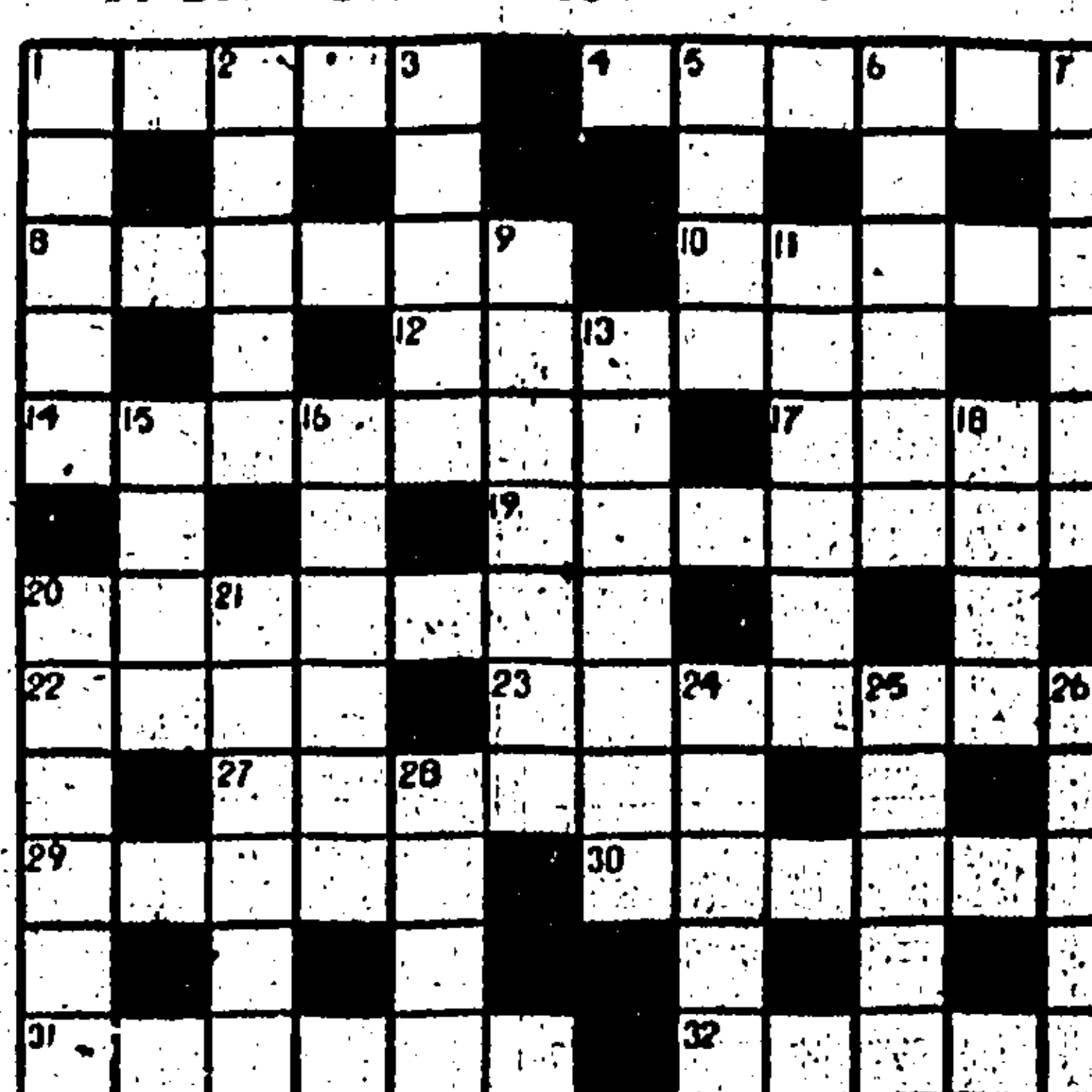
South, not liking the honour combination lead of the 10 except with a five-card suit, opened his fourth-best diamond 7, the Q being topped by the K. Then East went after his club suit, laying down the A, sending the 9 through, then leading the 8 to the Q and K followed by the J and 10. Now he put forth the heart 9, which North covered with the J, the K scoring. Seeing the impossibility of an early return to dummy for the second heart lead, he noted that his only chance to remove the heart Q was a drop. So he laid down the A. When that left the Q still out, his contract was hopeless, and he had to lose tricks to the spade tops, the heart Q and the diamond A and 10 forking his J.

When leading the clubs, East should have overtaken the 9 with the 10. He could have led then for a first heart finesse, followed by the second club finesse and eventually the second heart finesse. So doing, he could have scored 11 tricks, with five each in hearts and clubs plus the opening diamond.

Your Week-End Question

For what purposes should a declarer plan to ruff tricks with the dummy's trumps, aside from the primary purpose of ridding his own hand of losers?

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Across
1 Flower. 20 Golf-course.
4 Vagabond. 21 Marquise.
8 Alfresco. 22 Spoken.
10 Speak. 23 Soften.
12 Saturated. 24 Dashing.
14 Come down. 25 fellow.
17 Precious. 30 Anger.
metal. 31 Ousta.
19 Part of a. 32 Portion.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Obtained, 8 Omit, 9 Radiator, 11 Released, 13 Eddy, 15 Compiles, 16 Director, 18 Limit, 21 Silenced, 25 Mediocrity, 26 Hard, 27 Disagree.

DOWN—1 Dour, 2 Dial, 4 Blas, 5 Arid, 6 Noddy, 7 Dirty, 8 Rabid, 10 Defeat, 12 Exotic, 14 Drone, 16 Midge, 17 Sever, 19 Humid, 20 Midas, 21 Song, 22 Lone, 23 Cloy, 24 Duce.

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PART I: "THE PRIMATE OF HUNGARY"

THE MINDSZENTY STORY

Inexorable Logic Of Communist Policy
BY THE VERY REV.
DR. NICHOLAS BOER

The second point in the bishops' pastoral letter issued before the elections held on October 18, 1945, which touched the Government and Coalition Parties in a sensitive spot, was the description of the conditions of public order and safety in 1945. It was a most uncomfortable statement for the Government, being the first frank and courageous criticism of the behaviour of the Russian occupation forces in Hungary. But was it not the duty of the Church to defend the helpless people against outrages and barbarism—just as she defended the persecuted Jews in 1944 on the grounds of natural law and humanity? The Russian occupation took place between the autumn of 1944 and the spring of 1945. The prestige of the Catholic Church at the time of the "liberation" was extremely high, for during the war the priests and the Holy See itself had come to the help of the persecuted. By remaining with their flocks during the difficult days of siege and battle, the priests were able to provide consolation and help. The Russians themselves acknowledged this fact, and their behaviour towards the Church—at least in the first months and that of the military authorities themselves—was satisfactory. General Chernikov, the military commander of Budapest declared in the first days of the occupation in the presence of the representatives of the various Churches that the Russian Government intended to respect religious freedom and desired that the churches should reopen their doors and religious life be resumed as quickly as possible. The habit of priests was greatly respected; it represented the best protection against the danger of being arrested in the streets and dragged to the labour camps. The activity of bishops, parish priests, monks, was in no way hindered, although the episcopal palaces and the parsonages did not escape the looting of Russian soldiers—not even the Cardinal's Palace in Esztergom. Cardinal Seredi's bier was standing in the great hall of the Archbishop's Palace, where his body lay in state, while all around the Russian soldiers tumultuously looted the palace, the adjoining houses and the cellars. Such scenes leave a deep impression; they are difficult to forget. When the military governor of Esztergom sent an armed patrol, the looters scattered their booty around the bier and attempted to escape through the windows. But the personal contact between the Church authorities and the occupying forces was formally correct, and the newspapers started in the first weeks—all of them of the extreme Left—refrained from any attacks on the Church.

Local Sabotage

It cannot be denied that when the land reform of 1945 was drawn up the Church demanded that the hundred acres minimum assured by law should be given to the various Church institutions, bishops, chapters, abbots and seminaries. In most places, because of the sabotage and ill-will of the local authorities of the Central Council of Estates (which is under Communist leadership), these hundred acres have been withheld. Though the Church did not demand the immediate payment of the compensation which was both ethically justified and legally assured, it cannot renounce this right. Especially when State support for the Churches was only granted for the first six months of 1946—and even then reduced by fifteen per cent—and when the development of the political situation in Hungary threatens the cessation of all State support for the Churches. The Catholic Church must assure the financial basis of its administration, its seminaries, its churches, parishes and all its existing cultural organisations. In this connection there arises the problem of forest properties which the State has taken into its own hands and has not distributed among the Hungarian people. If ecclesiastical circles in Hungary discuss ideas and plans according to which the confiscated forest estates should pay their revenues to the Church, these discussions are not directed against democracy, the land reform or the people. The memoranda published in the notorious "Yellow Book" do not amount in any way to a "conspiracy" against democracy or the Hungarian Republic.

happening here. One can hope, without being too sanguine about it, that government will do everything in its power to make news available promptly and fully to these writers and broadcasters who will arrive here in increasing numbers in the next few months.

There is also an onus on the authorities to fasten on the growing volume of rumours as soon as they appear, and if it is impossible to silence the disseminators, at least to make the facts known, and known quickly. Considerable harm may have been done yesterday by a baseless report that food hoarding had begun on a wide scale, implying that essential commodities might disappear from the shops.

It seems to us imperative that government should learn the lesson of recent decades, and take the public into its confidence, as it has never done in the past. The lesson has been learned by our enemies, who know Dr. Goebbels was cynically wise when he said, "I would rather have one good rumour than a thousand planes."

resorted to force, forced their way into the cellars, and while the women screamed in terror, began to pick out and drag away the girls. The bishop barred their way, protesting firmly against this outrage and tried with his own body to prevent the grim work of the Russian soldiers. Whereupon one of them raised his gun and fired a volley at the bishop, mortally wounding him in four places. At this the Russian soldiers became frightened and took to flight. The bishop, bleeding from his four wounds, collapsed on the cellar floor. The terrified women surrounded the heroic and chivalrous prelate, and one of them cried: "Our Bishop, our father, has given his life for us!" The dying bishop replied, in a faltering voice: "Gladly, very gladly." Soon afterwards he died. The newspapers reported his death as due to heart failure. Cardinal Seredi died on Maundy Thursday, 1946; Count John Mikes, titular archbishop, ended his life on the same day, at Repezentzorgy. Though they were not the direct victims of religious persecution, they both died on the day of the entry of the Russian troops and their end was hastened by the immense excitement and disorders.

Memories

No wonder that the atrocities committed by the occupying power recalled the behaviour of the Russian troops who suppressed the Hungarian War of Liberty in 1940. There were still people living who remembered hearing the accounts of the eye-witnesses of the ravages and terrors which followed the fall of Buda in 1940, during the hundred and fifty years of Turkish occupation. The troops of Sultan Suleiman II behaved no worse. Hungarians recalled the destruction and annihilation of 1241, after the disastrous battle of Mohacs when the country was devastated by the hordes of the Tartar Batu Khan. At that time foreign chroniclers recorded that after three hundred years of national existence Hungary had become the victim of the Tartars and had ceased to exist. Bela IV, the great king and re-builder, fled to Dalmatia. There, while in exile, according to his unborn child to be dedicated his penitence and sacrifice for the sins of the Hungarians and to win heavenly grace for the reconstruction of the country. The child was born—it was a girl. She grew up at the Blessed Margaret who was later canonised. For centuries the deeply-religious Hungarians considered it due to this penitence and sacrifice that Hungary was completely rebuilt in the reign of Bela IV. Though the King lost all his subsequent wars, Hungary regained her place among the great powers of Europe. The Hungarian Primate, so sensitively aware of the traditions and lessons of Hungarian history, referred to the analogies of the Tartar ravages; he recommended the praying, the penitence and sacrifice of St. Margaret to the Hungarians in their struggle to escape from the new disaster and to achieve reconstruction. Against the atrocities of the occupying power, under the pressure of helplessness, what else could he do but depict the analogy and protest through it against the modern vandals? As in the times of the Tartar invasion, there was no help to be sought from the Government or from any foreign power; so the Primate turned to the Heavenly Host for support. On the first anniversary of St. Margaret's canonisation—the date was January 10, 1946—he preached his famous sermon. As the only protector of the nation, as the only one to express the sorrows of his country, this sermon gave him a legendary stature in the hearts and imaginations of the Hungarian people.

Could Not Last

Naturally this attitude could not last long—because of the inexorable logic of Communist policy towards religion. The Soviet troops, as we said before, on the whole respected the clergy; yet among the people they left sad memories. The Hungarians, regardless of class, had sought to endure the excesses of the soldiers. Women, no matter what their age or social standing, were in constant fear of assault; men never knew whether or not they would be deported to the Soviet Union. Immediately at the start of the occupation the Russians began to arrest and deport men in order to help their own shortage of manpower. They were not satisfied with the prisoners-of-war, but in the first three or four weeks they organised raids, collected a certain proportion of the male population and sent them to Russia. Only a very small proportion of these deportees and prisoners-of-war has as yet returned to Hungary. In the same way the aggressive attacks on women were fairly general; often they ended in sexual quinary fights. Among the victims was a priest named Cornelius Kappan, who was killed in trying to rescue a young girl from a Russian soldier. Baron William Apor, Bishop of Győr, shared the same fate. He was killed on the night of Good Friday, 1946, when he gave some of his people refuge from drunken Russians in the cellars of the episcopal castle. The soldiers discovered that many women were hiding in the cellars of the episcopal palace. A gang of them arrived and, with profane apologies, demanded a certain number of women "for a working party." Bishop Apor sent off a few elderly women but the Soviet soldiers, pretending to feel insulted at this, threatened with their pistols. They killed young girls. William Apor, a generally respected clergyman, refused to comply. The Russians

hour of its trial had come. But by the time Lent had ended, fifty thousand Hungarians and a hundred thousand pagans were facing each other along the Sajo River. And by the morning, in a storm of arrows, lances, stones and fire, the great cemetery was built; half the Hungarian army had fallen and with it the elite of the Church—fighting with the soldiers.

Died Like Lambs

"The country became the prey of the Tartars. Fire, sword and pestilence did their fell work. Old and young, men, women, girls and children died like sacrificial lambs. Strangely, the people who only a short time before had not visited the churches and the monasteries, now trusted them as refuges. But they were mistaken and too late; they were mistaken about the Tartars. In the Cathedral of Varad, set ablaze, thousands perished. In the Varad churches countless women fell victims to oriental lust. Ten thousand refugees crowded into the Dominican Church of Pest. Oh, if they had come in such numbers during the carnival and in Lent! But it was too late. Old Brother Paul was murdered before the altar, all the ten thousand butchered. They were united in death—if only they had been united in everyday life, in the life of the spirit!"

"Christians enjoy their carnival of sin, if after the carnival they do not submit voluntarily to the ashes and cross of penitence, there comes the scourge of God, the Tartar carnival. But the Tartar carnival stages a bitter dance of death; its pleasures and revelry are empty. Wherever the Tartar armies go—they have their treacherous Hungarian guides—the roads and paths are strewn with corpses, the very ditches are choked with bodies. At Varad, as Master Roger tells us, they buried and pillaged until the stink of corpses drove them away. They left and as they went their last act was to comb the hiding places of the forests, to massacre the majority of their prisoners on the frontier—and to carry off the rest."

"The Tartars departed. They left behind them ruins, charred walls and untillied fields. You could travel for two or three days without seeing a human being; but in the graveyard country, there were plenty of beasts of prey, adventures, evil-doers, big robbers and little robbers. The Tartars left and famine came after them. And somewhere in the depths of bog and forest the Hungarian prayer rose from heart to heart, from the shattered body straight to the mark: 'O Lord God! If after the Tartars, after hell on earth, Thou wouldst permit us to live once again a human and Christian life, in the undisturbed sanctuary of the family! Once upon a time it was so difficult—but now it would not be hard to live according to Thy Commandments, by the light of love and pity! Then we would surely recognise that, compared to that of human beings, Thy joke is sweet, Thy load is light!'"

(To Be Continued)

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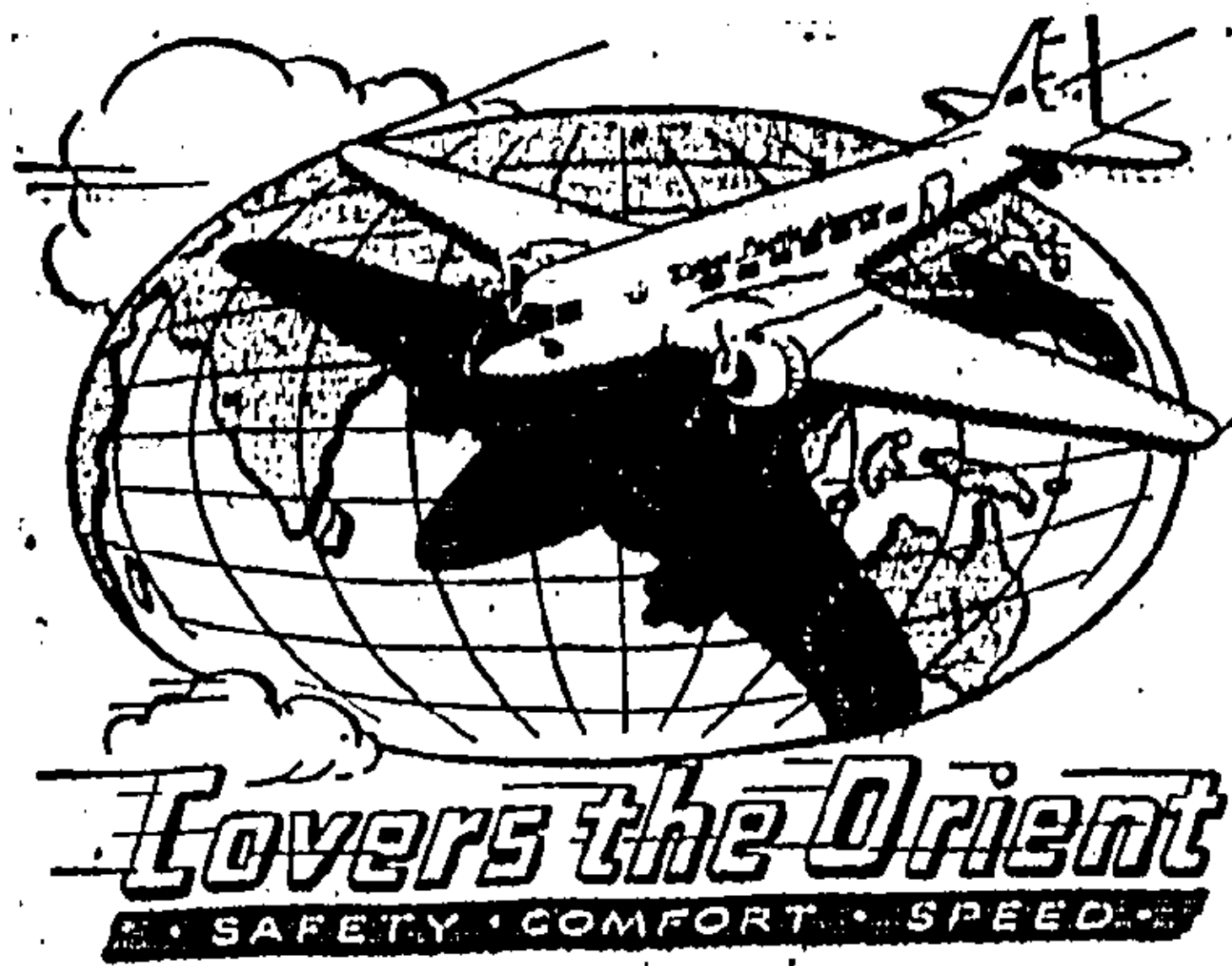
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BRITAIN AND CHINA

No Official Contacts With The Communists

"DEAL" ON HK DENIED

Busy Air Route From Canton

Air traffic to and from Canton continued to be busy, judging by the number of flights between Hong Kong and that city.

An air travel expert told the "China Mail" at Kai Tak yesterday that he believed that there had been more than 20 flights to and from Canton daily during the last few days.

"The congestion at Canton has been one reason for the popular desire to get out," he said. Most of the passengers going to Canton from Hong Kong this past week have gone there to liquidate their properties and business interests there.

Asked if he meant that all will eventually settle down in Hong Kong, he replied: "You'll be surprised how many think Hong Kong is unsafe. They have a common destination in Taiwan, which they think is safer because of the sea that separates it from the mainland. And, you know, the Reds don't have a Navy—yet!" Among the arrivals yesterday was a doctor who thinks that the Government is pulling away from the city, and heading for other safer parts, possibly in Taiwan.

"Canton is not expected to put up much of a fight," he said.

St. John's, May 20. Sir Edward Emerson, Chief Justice of Newfoundland, died yesterday in hospital at the age of 59.—Associated Press.



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OUR CARE YOUR CONFIDENCE

London, May 19. A Foreign Office spokesman tonight categorically denied that Britain has established any official contact with the Chinese Communists. He had been questioned about a report by the American columnist, Drew Pearson, who said today that Britain has proposed to the Chinese Communists a deal by which she would recognise their regime in return for an assurance on retaining Hong Kong as a British Colony. "The Britishers talked with the Chinese Reds twice last week," the columnist said.

Official reports reaching London said that British Consuls had not yet succeeded in carrying out instructions to establish working contact with the Communist authorities in the main cities they control.

These instructions were given to the Consuls several weeks ago. Efforts to make contact were redoubled at the time of the shelling of the sloop Amethyst and other British warships in the Yangtze River last month.

Consular contact with local Communist authorities would be without prejudice to the question of recognising a Communist Government.

The Foreign Office recently denied that any discussions on recognition are in progress.

U. S. Attitude

In Washington, it is learned that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told a Senate group today that the United States will not grant diplomatic recognition to a Communist Government in China as long as a Nationalist Government exists.

Mr. Acheson met the Senate Appropriations sub-committee and for over an hour discussed controversial issues of American policy in China and Spain. Sub-committee members said Mr. Acheson made it clear the United States will not recognise a Communist Government while the anti-Communist administration continues in a portion of China.

Senator Kenneth Wherry told reporters he would press for "full diplomatic recognition of Spain and clarification of our policy in China if it takes a year." Mr. Acheson's testimony, he said, "leaves everything in status quo."

No Pacific Pact

Well-informed Washington sources said that the British Government agrees with the United States that it is too early to consider the possibility of a Pacific defence pact similar to the Atlantic alliance.

The sources said the British concur in the American belief expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that the necessary basis for such a pact does not at present exist.

The American position, as outlined by Mr. Acheson and other American officials, is that integration and co-operation among the Asiatic nations themselves will have to be achieved to lay the groundwork for any Pacific pact. Most American and British officials privately are doubtful of the possibility of achieving this.

While the United States, according to Mr. Acheson, considers the Chinese situation as constituting one of the major serious dangers to world peace in Asia, British officials include the South East Asia as one of their principal points of concern. The British position is said to be roughly this: An enormous amount of groundwork would be necessary to prepare for any

EXTERNAL DANGER TO MALAYA

London, May 19. The rebellion in Malaya is very far from being at an end, the Conservative weekly "Spectator" wrote tonight. It suggests that the outcome now depends more on events outside the peninsula than on the success of the measures inside Malaya.

India's decision to join the Commonwealth is at least one encouraging outside development, the paper said. Elsewhere in the Far East, there is less evident cause for comfort, it adds.

Even if things go well in Burma, Indo-China and Indonesia, it would amount to comparatively little, against the certainty that, within the next year, the pressure from Communist China is going to be felt with increasing strength in all the States along her Southern borders. —Reuter.

Pacific Pact—It is ever could be achieved. There is an enormous area of political dislocation in Asia which would have to be

Burma Watch On Chinese Border

Rangoon, May 19.

Adequate precautionary measures have already been taken by the Burma Government to prevent the infiltration of "undesirables" across the Sino-Burmese border, according to pro-Government sources tonight.

Government troops have successfully repulsed a strong rebel force near Meiktila, headquarters of the North Burma Army, the Government announced tonight. The rebels fled, leaving 60 dead, an official communiqué claimed.

North East of Rangoon, 18 rebel Kachin were killed in an unsuccessful attack on a road bridge in the Pegu sector, the communiqué added.

In the Akyab district of Arakan, on the Burma-Pakistan border, 13 Arakanese Moslem insurgents surrendered to the Government peace mission in the area.

Government troops captured Communist strong-points near Pyawon, South West of Rangoon, killed 55 Communists, the communiqué added.

The Burma Army Radio claimed tonight that troops had raided and burned the Mon insurgent headquarters at Muntaling, near Thabon, on the Tenasserim coast.

Sixty Mon insurgents, including the rebel commander, were killed in a three-hour battle, and others were drowned while attempting to cross the Salween River on the Dalko front.

Army troops have captured Kadok, 24 miles North of Pegu, after a sharp engagement with the Karens, the Radio added.—Reuter.

NORWAY CRASH

Oslo, May 19.

Three were killed and several injured when an Oslo-bound train crashed into a standing locomotive near Lillestrom tonight. The first car of the train was telescoped. As a result of the crash the main Norway-Sweden line was blocked.—Reuter.

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Britain To Retain Far East Position

London, May 19.

Britain does not intend to be argued or jockeyed out of her lawful position in the Far East. This is shown by the despatch of naval, military and air reinforcements to Hong Kong.

MADAME LOTHEIRA AGAIN

This time we had to COLLECT a parcel.

One morning the postman delivered a chit which indicated that a parcel addressed to our young daughter awaited collection at the post office.

We clutched the table faintly, against the prospect of yet another interview which Madame Lotheira. It was only after reflection that we realised that the collection of parcels should prove to be a reasonably simple affair compared with their despatch.

It was therefore with something less than complete despair that in due course we presented ourselves at the post office.

The clerk examined the chit without enthusiasm and, frowning slightly, disappeared through a door at the rear. We looked at one another uneasily.

"You don't think," whispered my wife, just then Madame Lotheira hurried through the door smiling politely and brandishing the chit.

"The parcel is addressed to Miss Margaret Stirling," she announced.

"So of course she will have to sign this receipt."

We hesitated, unable to believe our luck. Revenge is sweet we thought. Here at last was that long-awaited opportunity!

I moistened my lips with the tip of my tongue. "Can we not sign for her?" I asked innocently, inwardly boiling with suppressed elation.

"Parcels can only be handed over when the addressee has signed," said Madame, with considerable satisfaction.

My face took on an objectionably smug expression. "Miss Margaret Stirling happens to be 13 months old," I said sweetly, "and at this very moment is no doubt doing dreadful things with a rusk in her pram."

Dead Silence

There was a dead silence while I studied my fingernails. Madame was undoubtedly taken completely aback. We sneered. Madame deliberated and then rallied.

"It is against the rules—only the addressee can sign," she said weakly. We smiled pityingly, remaining silent.

"But this will mean making an exception," wailed Madame in a chastened voice, looking round fearfully to see if the building had withstood the shock. There was a lengthy pause...

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This was stated today by Lord Manseroff, Chairman of the Conservative Party's Speakers Association. Strategic considerations, he said, must determine the future membership of the Commonwealth. He added: "Britain cannot strive for greater democratic unity in Europe and at the same time sit by and watch the break-up of the Commonwealth and the Empire."

"That just doesn't make sense. We have promised eventual self-government for certain Commonwealth countries, notably Malaya."

"We shall soon have to decide, however, whether the right to leave the Commonwealth should not be limited and qualified where the security of the Commonwealth might otherwise be jeopardised."

"Neither America nor Russia could accuse Britain of imperialism if such safeguards are adopted."

Lord Manseroff added: "The U.S. has taken up a similar attitude in Panama, the Philippines and Hawaii, and it is for strategic reasons that Russia now dominates 11 countries behind the Iron Curtain."—United Press.

BOMBAY REFUSES PERMISSION

Bombay, May 19.

The Police Commissioner of Bombay today refused permission for the All-Asia Trade Union Congress to hold its 23rd session here on May 27-30. An official source said that permission was refused in pursuance of the general ban on meetings and processions now in force in Bombay.

The All-India Trades Union Congress, includes Communists among its leadership.—Reuter.

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"Very well," she said at last. Sign here "Received on behalf of Miss 'Margaret Stirling'."

My wife took up a pen and wrote as directed. Madame inspected the chit. Her eyes began to gleam. "I see you have signed 'A. P. Stirling,'" she said to my wife, "whereas in our address book you are listed as 'Mrs. Patrick Stirling'."

"My name happens to be A. P. Stirling," replied my wife stiffly, "but on the other hand since my husband is Mr. Patrick Stirling I am not unnaturally known as Mrs. Patrick Stirling."

Madame sniffed disdainfully at this improbable explanation. "Then please write 'Mrs. P. Stirling' (Mother) underneath your signature," she said sternly.

My wife complied, with scarcely more than a whimper. Madame leaned across the counter and pointed her finger at us.

"And 'remember,'" she said, "this procedure is irregular. You must write to all your friends and point out the absurdity of addressing parcels to young children. Whoever heard of babies signing their names?"

"Who indeed?" we said.—Patrick Stirling.

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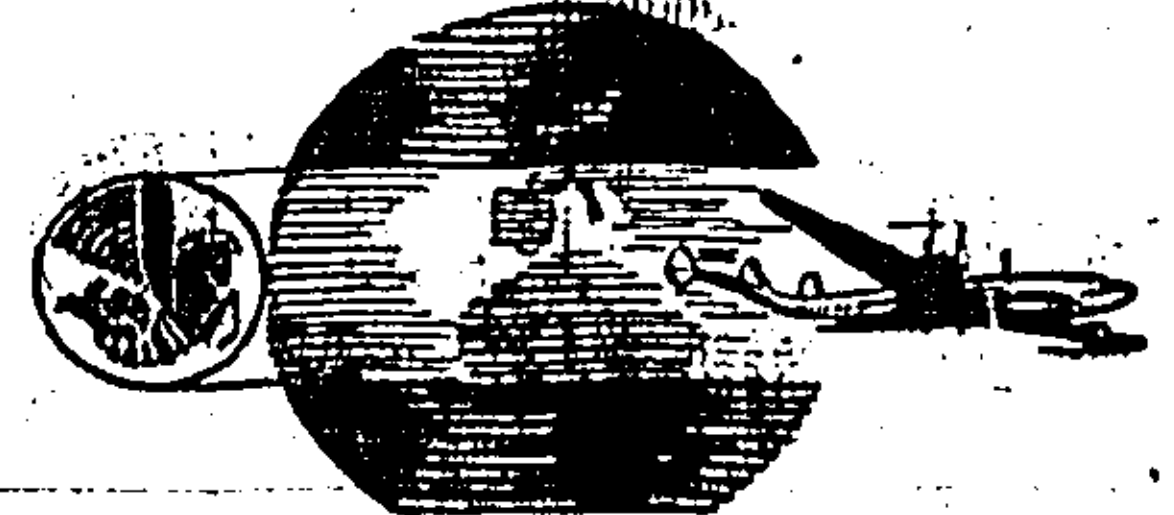
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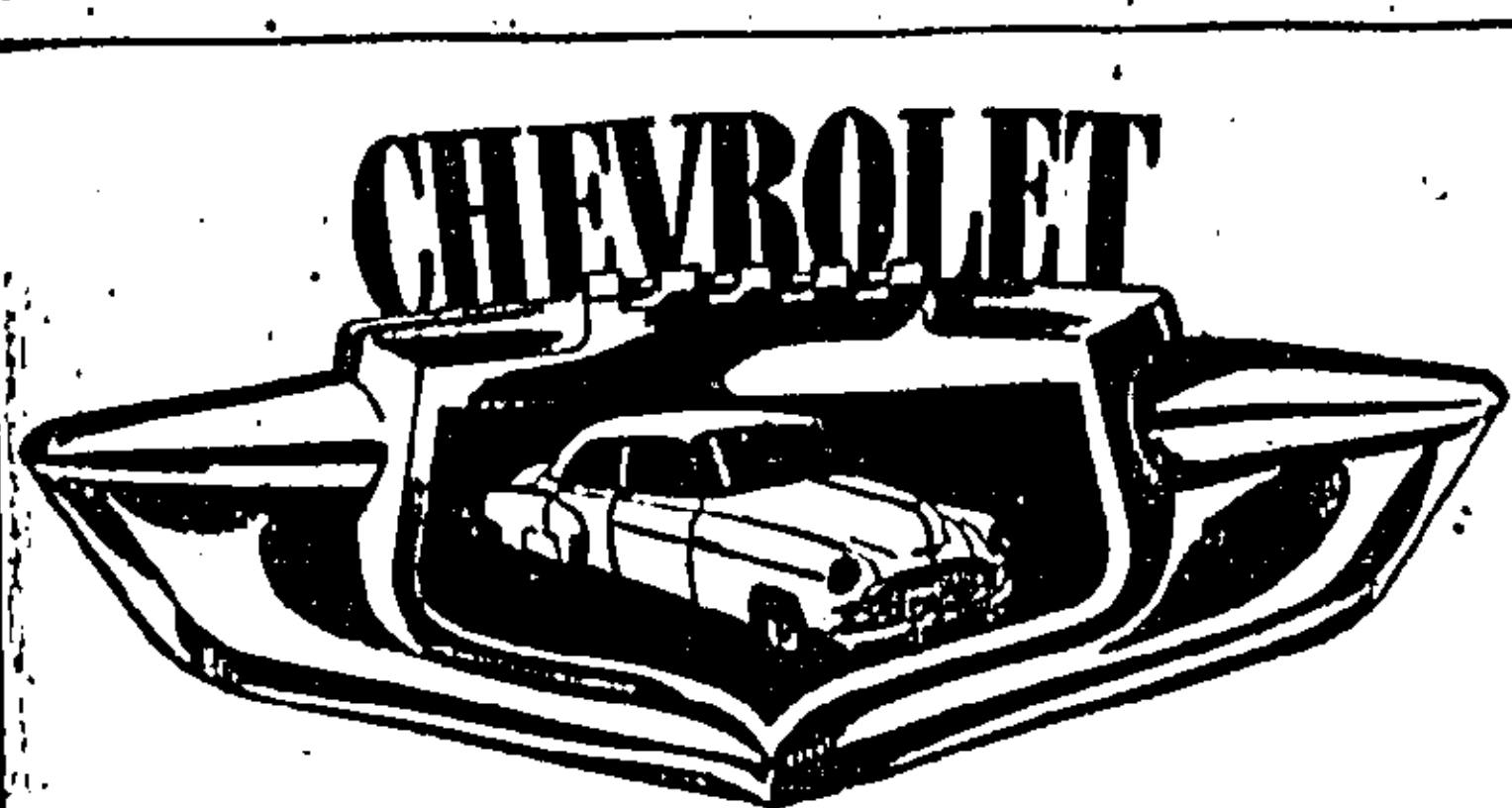
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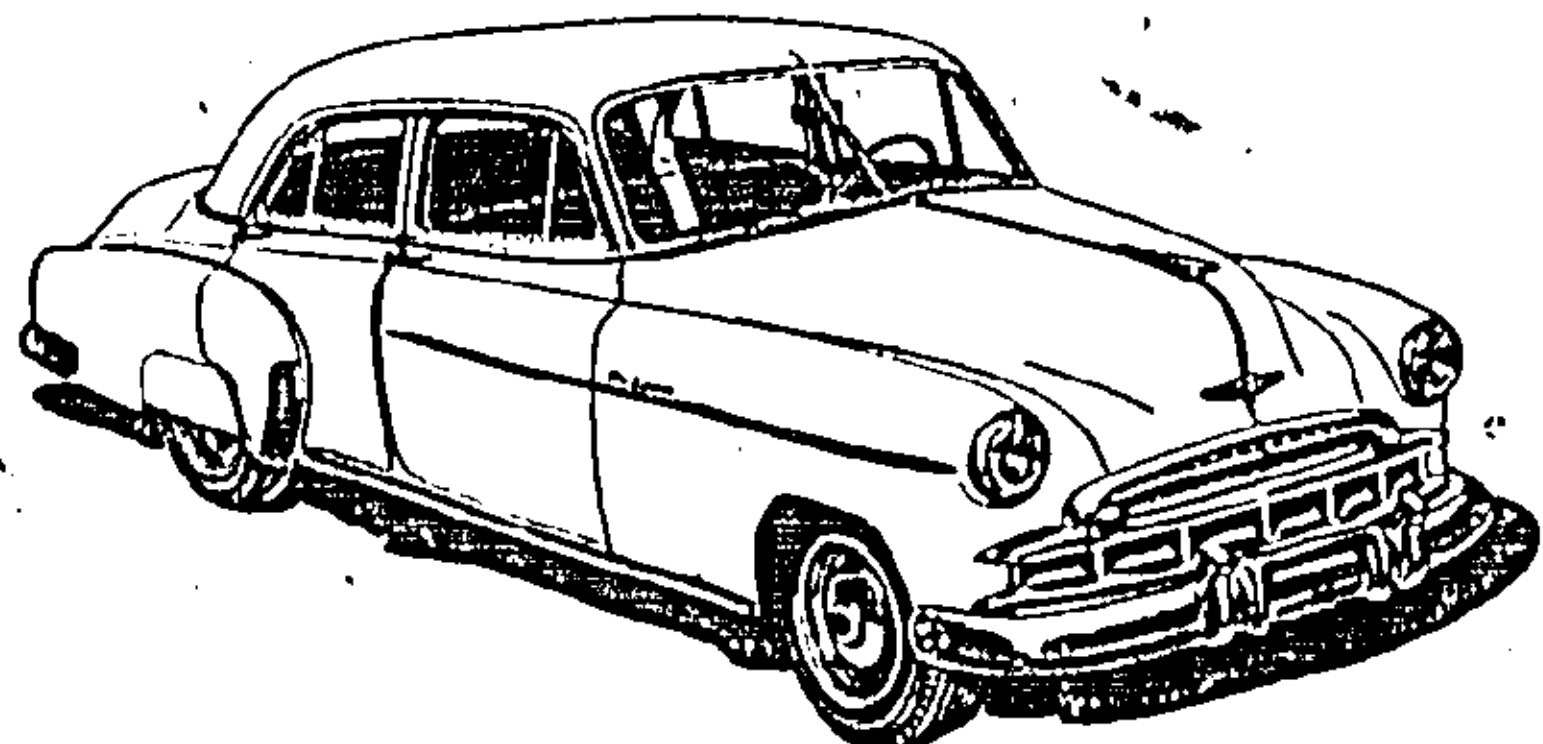
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MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

Five Black Marks On The Road

By COURTENAY
EDWARDS

It seemed as if Britain's entire car, motor-cycle, and bicycle population was out on the roads last Sunday. How did the drivers behave? And how about the pedestrians?

After being at the wheel for hundreds of miles on Easter trips to Devonshire (for the so-called "Land's End" Reliability Trial) and Sunsex (for the motor racing at Goodwood) I think I know.

The road-hog came back, and a vast number of road-users—at the wheel, in the saddle, and on foot—were a little bewildered by the heavy traffic streams.

There has been nothing quite like this traffic since before the war, and motorists, cyclists, and walkers alike were inclined to be careless.

Car drivers showed too great a readiness to "take a chance" in such things as overtaking at blind corners or near the crest of a hill.

Centre Of Road

Cyclists seemed to think they could still monopolise the middle of the road—a habit developed during the pleasure motoring ban which made the London-Brighton road seem as deserted as a country lane.

Pedestrians appeared to have less road sense than any—and I include not only local walkers, but also motorists and cyclists at journey's end after the car has been parked or the bicycle stored.

Carelessness—bred of long familiarity with near-empty roads—was by no means the whole trouble.

Tempers Short

I got the impression that reactions were slow, judgment at fault, and tempers short.

The black spots, as always, were on the fringes of big towns and in large villages.

Out on the open road, where the traffic thinned out, there were fewer instances of road hogging.

It was when the streams of cars and bikes had to slow down at town-approaches that so many drivers showed how black and impatient they have become—and how irritable they are inclined to be in the unfamiliar traffic conditions.

I made these notes of five of the more glaring examples of bad driving and walking. I saw:

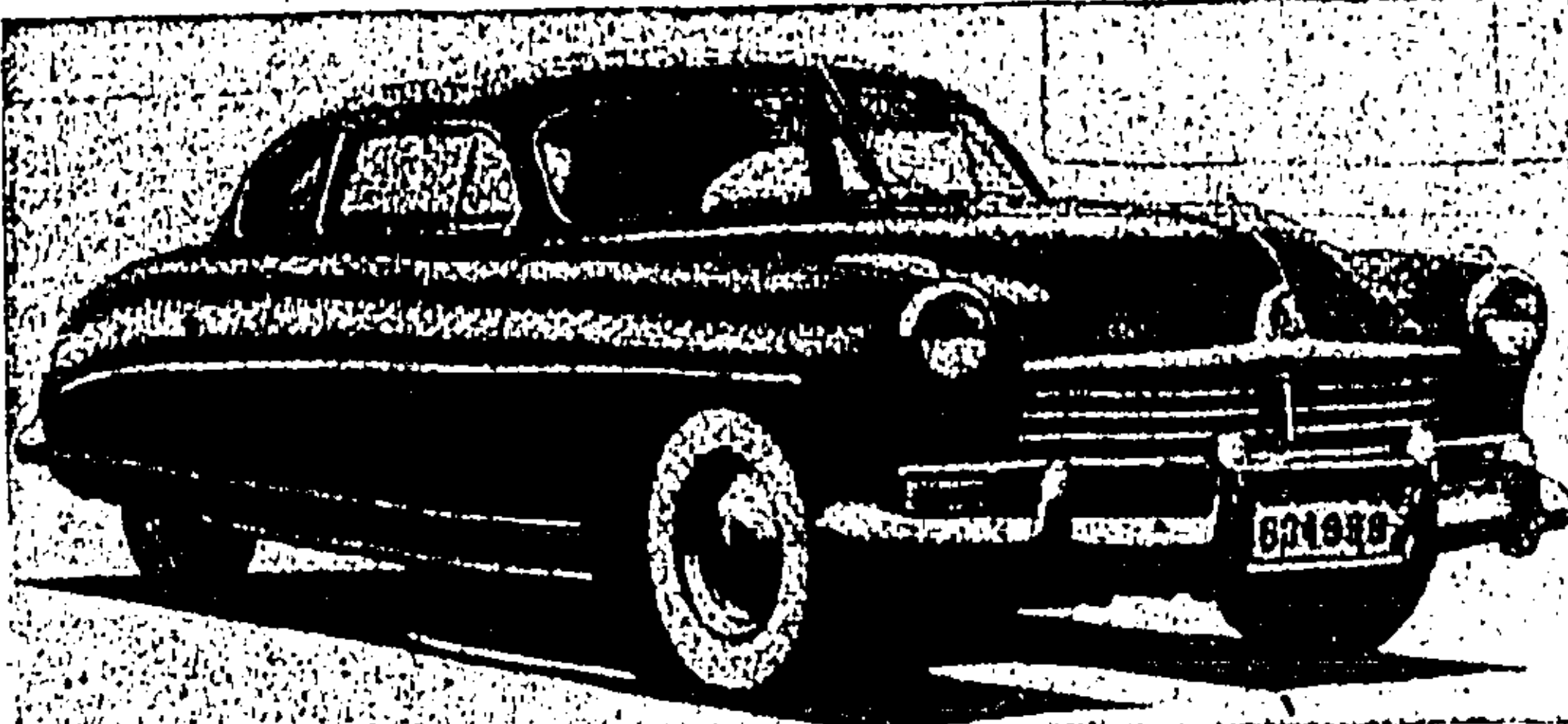
1. Big Humber saloon car parked empty in the main street at Newbury, Berkshire, near the corner by the Old Market Cross. It slowed down the traffic flow and was causing serious congestion.

2. Small, open Austin filled to overflowing, screeching, hugging the middle of the road between Guildford and Petworth and permitting no one to overtake.

3. Solo motor-cyclist on County-Hill, Lymington, after the finish of the MCC reliability trial, who, on one of the steepest parts, cut in between two cars going in opposite directions, causing both to brake violently and creating a dangerous situation.

4. Man on a pedal cycle at Bristol suddenly turning across the road without warning and causing the driver of a following car to brake hard and swerve alarmingly close to a child cyclist.

5. Young couple at Reading sauntering across the main Bath- (Continued at foot of next Col.)



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Another distinctive Hudson feature of more than ordinary interest is the optional Drive Master transmission which is offered as an extra in addition to the well known Warner overdrive, which is also an optional fitting.

Revising First Impressions

First impressions are always interesting, although not always correct. The latter qualification was operative in the case of the Hudson. Our first acquaintance with it was in the course of a short run after dark and, when both drivers had put in a few miles at the wheel, both confessed to a slight feeling of disappointment that the performance did not seem quite so lively as the specification had suggested.

In truth, that initial impression was one of the biggest tributes to the car, since the performance was, in fact, quite up to expectation, and the disappointment was brought about by the very notable smoothness and silence of the Hudson, aided and abetted in some measure by that rare fitting, a slightly slow performance.

Both this initial run, and later experience over varied road conditions, revealed that the Hudson handled particularly well and that the fundamental change of rear axle layout in relation to the frame has certainly produced no ill effects.

On corners, the car may be graded as excellent by touring car standards.

There is practically no roll at any time (anti-roll bars are fitted at both ends) and the car takes 50-60 m.p.h. corners in its stride with no trace of unsteadiness and no call for heroics on the part of the driver.

The actual manual effort required on the steering wheel is, perhaps, higher than one would expect in view of the comparative low gearing, which entails 6½ turns of the wheel from lock to lock.

Oversize Tyres
In fairness, however, it must be added that the model in question was fitted with oversize tyres and also that these 6½ turns go to the production of a large wheel deflection and correspondingly small turning circle for so large a car.

Indeed, the Hudson causes surprises in the spaces in which it can be parked and the tight turns which can be negotiated without reverting.

The steering, moreover, is entirely devoid of kick-back through the wheel, even when extremely

road at least 20 yards from a pedestrian crossing and indignantly pointing to the distant Bellona Beacon when rebuffed by a furious motorist who had been forced to pull up.

Top Manners
But again, I came across examples of unadvised motoring and walking. Many road-users showed courtesy which went far beyond the standard of manners envisaged by the authors of the Highway Code.

Probably many of the offending drivers have learned their lesson. On the big holiday weekends later this year there very likely will be a marked improvement in road manners.

had pave is taken fast, and surfaces of this kind produce no tendency to wandering.

Equally satisfactory on pave is the suspension system which gives a remarkably even ride with no trace of pitching or vertical float.

Obviously, the Hudson is very well damped and is, in fact, at its best at high speeds.

At low and medium speeds, it still provides very good insulation from actual bumps, but the fact that it is not entirely proof against vibrations of moderate frequencies was shown up by a facia-board rattle which sometimes occurred under these conditions.

These, incidentally, led to the discovery that some particularly attractive grained "woodwork" about the facia board was, in fact, unusually well finished metal.

As previous remarks have already indicated, the straight-eight, 4,160 c.c. side-valve engine is extremely smooth and quiet, and to these good qualities may be added an absence of any tendency to running-on and an almost complete absence of pinking.

Flexible, Smooth And Fast
As one would expect from an engine of this type and size, flexibility is a noticeable feature.

It is, however, interesting to study the direct top-gear acceleration figures which clearly show that no efforts have been made to concentrate on the lower part of the power curve, the best acceleration being noticeable in the middle speed range, the 30-50 m.p.h. time of 8.8 seconds comparing with a 10-30 m.p.h. figure of 9.1 seconds.

Throughout the entire range the engine is effortless and, while it is, perhaps, inviolate to name any particular cruising speed in a car of this kind, it is time to say that a genuine 70 m.p.h. is a speed which any driver, moderately anxious to get from A to B, would be likely to hold for long periods over main roads. In this connection, the excellent built-in radio set (with loud speaker) dropped flush into the considerable horizontal portion of the scuffle between the top of the facia and the steeply raked and curved Vee screen) provided a useful sound meter.

With many cars, a volume which suits high-speed cruising proves very unpleasantly loud when the speed is reduced for passing through a village; no such phenomena was noticeable with the Hudson.

This quiet running is, of course, more marked with the over drive in operation—a remark which automatically brings us to a consideration of the transmission choices open to owners of these cars, equipped with both optional extras.

Basic Systems
There are, in effect, three basic systems at the disposal of the driver, and each may be used with or without the over-drive, making in effect six combinations in all.

Admittedly, this sounds complicated but, in practice, one soon learns what is which and comes to choose suitably according to taste and conditions.

The first basic state is with the Drive Master knob in the central position and the device out of action.

In this condition, the three-speed gearbox operates in an entirely normal manner and one uses the clutch and steering-column lever in the ordinary way.

Turning the Drive Master knob to the left gives a partially automatic transmission in the shape of clutchless gear changing.

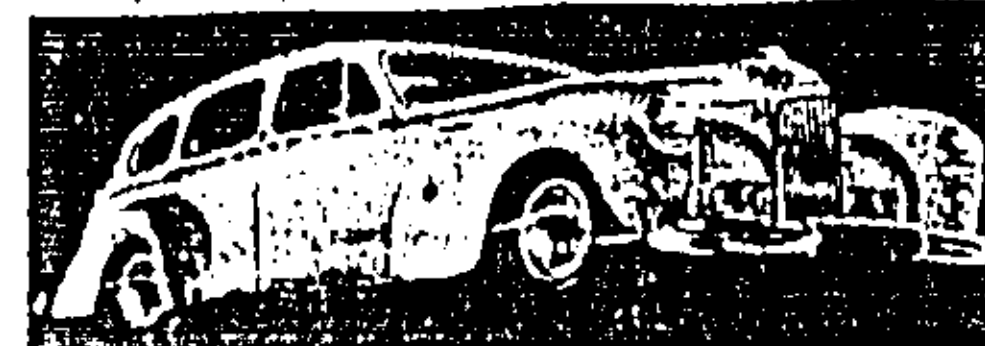
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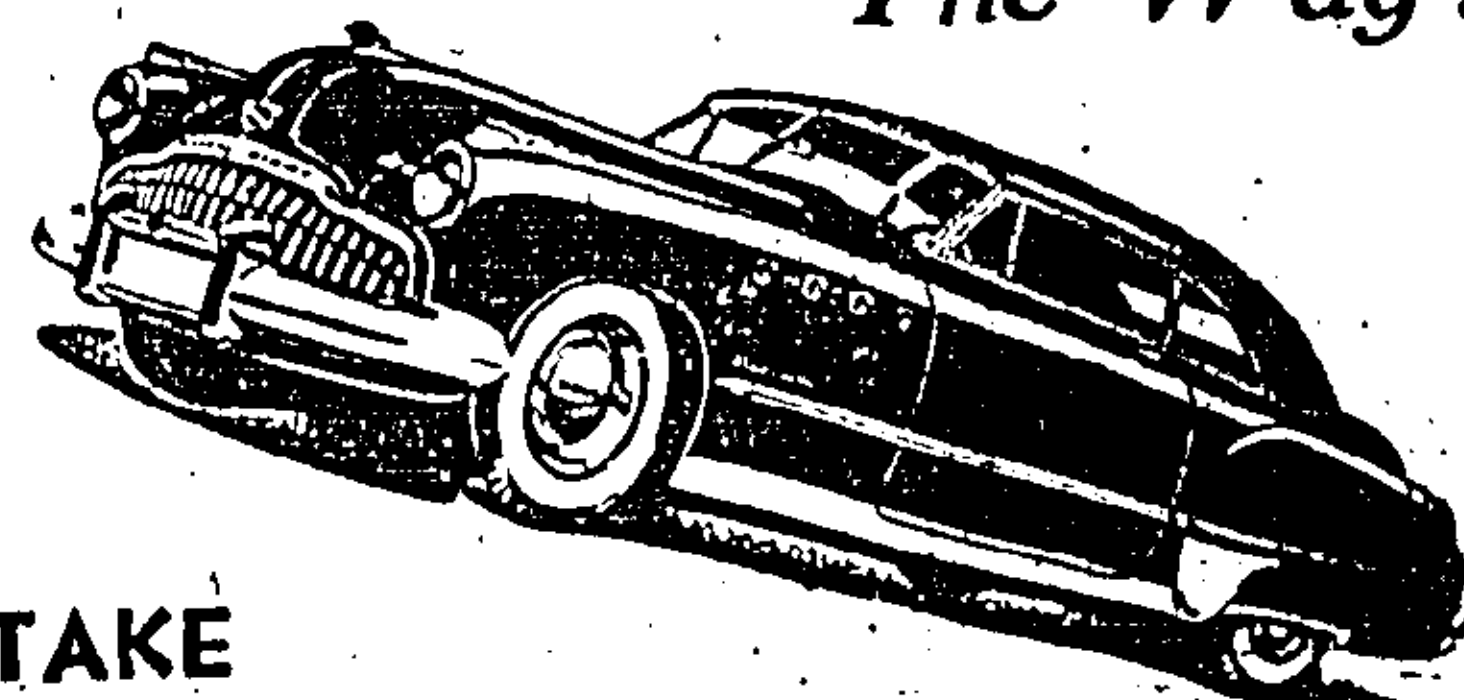
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JAP REPARATIONS ISSUE

Outspoken Attack On American Decision

PLEA FOR JAPANESE REJECTED

London, May 19. An attempt to persuade British to initiate a review of the Japanese war crimes sentences, particularly that of the former Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, who had been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, failed in the House of Lords tonight.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, said that he sees no reason whatever to doubt the fairness of the trials or the accuracy of their conclusions. Lord Hailsham, a member of Britain's War Cabinet, has strongly urged intervention on behalf of Mr. Shigemitsu because of his "love of peace" and the "aura of goodness that surrounds the man."

Lord Jowitt said that he was "jagged" to hear talk of Mr. Shigemitsu's "aura of integrity." He said that, after reading about the tortures inflicted on Allied prisoners, his conscience would not let him take any step to have the trials reviewed.

The Earl of Perth said that Japan's whole plan for aggression—except for Pearl Harbour—was quite frankly revealed to him as far back as 1932 at Geneva by Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese delegate, who later became Foreign Minister.

(Lord Perth, as Sir Eric Drummond, was then Secretary-General to the League of Nations.) "They were to drive out completely all American and European influences from East Asia and to establish a Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere to be dominated by Japan. If I remember rightly, India was to be included in this sphere."

"I said to Mr. Matsuoka: 'Surely to make war on China is a very odd way of starting a co-prosperity sphere,' but he replied: 'Leave it to us. We understand the Chinese mentality completely.'"

"MAD PARSON" ARRESTED

London, May 19. The "Mad Parson," John Edward Allen, Britain's most elusive lunatic who has been at large for two years, was arrested in London last night.

His arrest followed a visit by two plain-clothes policemen to a house in North-West London.

General Election In Belgium

Brussels, May 19.

Belgium's Parliament was dissolved tonight. The Minister of the Interior, M. Pierre Vermoelen, read a decree to this effect in both Houses of Parliament—the Chamber, Belgium's Lower House, and the Senate, the Upper House.

The decree was signed today by Prince Charles, the Belgian Regent. On June 26, Belgium will go to the polls to elect a new Parliament. Women in Belgium will be voting in the general elections for the first time.

The dissolution came as no surprise. Since March, 1947, Parliament has supported a Socialist-Catholic Coalition. Government with the Socialist, M. Paul Henri Spaak, as the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

Elected in October, 1946, the Parliament which was dissolved tonight comprised in the Senate 56 Socialists, 17 Communists, 12 Liberals and 23 Catholics, and in the Chamber 92 Catholics, 69 Socialists, 23 Communists, 17 Liberals and one Catholic Independent.

The Socialist and Catholic Ministers have been at loggerheads for months past, the difficulty being Belgium's nearly five-year-old Royal problem. The question of whether provisionally-exiled King Leopold should

return to the throne or abdicate is bound to be a major election issue.

The Socialists will accept nothing but abdication. For the Catholics, the only solution is the King's return.

Breaking point was reached two months ago when a new issue arose, and both parties, finding the present arrangement intolerable, decided that it was best to go to the polls.

The split came when the Socialists and Catholics disagreed over the means of financing increased unemployment benefits to be paid to Belgium's 200,000 unemployed. The Socialists proposed additional taxes on company profits. The Catholics refused to agree.

The Catholics tonight left the Chamber after the reading of the dissolution decree, shouting: "Long Live the King." Socialists, Communists and some Liberals left, shouting: "Long Live the Regent, Long Live the Constitution, Long Live Belgium!"

Re-Emergence As Industrial Power

Washington, May 20.

The Philippines today accused the United States of helping to revive Japan's ability to make war by calling off Japanese reparations shipments. General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippines delegate, told the Far Eastern Commission that the Filipinos protest in the strongest possible terms against the reparations decision announced last week.

General Romulo also alleged that the Japanese Zaiatsu—industrial leaders—are sabotaging the American efforts to restore Japan's economy.

"There is evidence that the Japanese economic crisis has been deliberately brought on by the Japanese themselves in order to arouse American sympathy and insure American assistance," he declared.

The United States last week ordered General Douglas MacArthur to make no more preliminary deliveries of machine tools and other reparations to the Philippines and three other Pacific nations.

At the same time, officials made it plain that the U.S. will oppose any proposal to revive payment of the damages inflicted by the Japanese in World War Two.

The Far Eastern Commission fixes the policy for the occupation of Japan.

Zaiatsu Accused

General Romulo told today's session that the Philippine Government hopes the Commission will still reach a just and satisfactory solution of the reparations issue. Specific proposals may be submitted later, he said.

General Romulo said the Zaiatsu industrial are engineering the re-emergence of Japan as an industrial power. He added that industrial power goes hand in hand with military power and predicted that the Zaiatsu will soon be clamouring for an army and navy.

"The United States can regard without alarm the prospect of Japan becoming the workshop of Asia, but we cannot," General Romulo said.

"The time to stop them is now, before we become weary of the burdens of the occupation, especially of the thankless task of watch-dog and over-see. And the way to stop them is to take away the instruments of power from their hands."

Argentina Wants Japs

Buenos Aires, May 20. President Peron said today that Argentina will make easy the entrance of Japanese technicians, farmers and industrialists.

He made the statement to a group of Japanese who live in Buenos Aires. Three scrolls signed by Japanese members of the Peronista Party were presented to President Peron. — Associated Press.

Exclusion Proposal Defeated

Douglas, Isle of Man, May 19. The National Union of Seamen at its conference here today heavily defeated a resolution calling for legislation to exclude seamen from India and Pakistan from employment on British vessels.

The resolution was moved by Mr. T. White (Tilbury) "in view of the declared intention of these two countries to leave the British Commonwealth."

Mr. F. S. Wagner, a trustee, said that such questions are the subject of very delicate negotiation by the British Government, and the Union should not intervene.

The conference also defeated a Glasgow resolution calling for the exclusion of all aliens from employment on British ships.

Mr. E. Kerrigan (Glasgow) said that Glasgow stewards in certain ships sailing from the Clyde are paid at higher rates than British seamen, but work 10 to 18 hours a day to the detriment of the Union hours' agreement.—Reuter.

Other Attacks Expected

Reparations delivered thus far to the Philippines, Britain, China and the Netherlands, he said, consist mostly of machine tools and other equipment. The total value, he said, is about £42,500,000. Not one industrial plant has been removed, General Romulo asserted.

The U.S. Army and State Department planners for Japan declined to comment on General Romulo's speech.

His attack was the first of several expected against the announced U.S. policy on reparations, China and the Soviet Union are planning to reply to next week's Commission meeting.

Other members of the Commission are also preparing replies to the U.S. statement, but when these may be expected, there has been no indication.

Political Crisis Brewing In Paris

Paris May 19.

A revolt of Independent Conservative Ministers in the French Government tonight threatened the existence of the eight-month-old Administration of the Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille.

M. Antoine Pinay, Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and M. Jean Moreau, Secretary of State for Air, told a meeting of their 35-member Parliamentary group that they strongly opposed the latest Government proposals to cope with the 55,000 million francs deficit, which was revealed since the annual Budget was adopted.

These proposals were endorsed by the Cabinet today, the Cabinet spokesman, M. Francois Mitterand, announced.

It is learned on good authority that M. Pinay and M. Moreau told their group: "We consider that the Government's present Finance Bills are entirely in contradiction with any price stabilization policy."

The situation is regarded as fairly critical in the lobbies tonight, but the Premier is expected to find a compromise to avoid the defeat of the Cabinet proposals when they come before the Assembly next week.

The proposals were made by the Finance Minister, M. Mau-

rice Pétache, to meet the deficit which has arisen on this year's national Budget. His proposals include one for the unrestricted sale of petrol at 55 francs a litre instead of the restricted sale at 43 francs, the benefit to the State being estimated at 22,000 million francs.

Usually well-informed political circles say that the measure will have a difficult passage through the National Assembly. The Premier will make it a matter of confidence.

M. Pétache will outline his proposals tomorrow to the Finance Commission of the Assembly, and later to the press. The Assembly is expected to discuss the proposals next Tuesday.

Usually well-informed circles say that the other proposals in the Pétache plan are a financial re-organization of the State railway system and financial relief for certain types of export goods. These goods have not yet been named.—Reuter.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEMOLITIONS IN PACIFIC WAR

London, May 19.

The British Government's alleged failure to admit its responsibility for the wartime "scorched earth" policy in Malaya was criticised today. The criticism comes in a letter to the "Daily Telegraph" from Sir George Maxwell, Chief Secretary to the Federated Malay States Government from 1920 to 1926.

He asked that the Government should pay full compensation for "demolition" carried out under this policy.

Sir George wrote:

"The Government's responsibility for the 'scorched earth' policy, which was carried out ruthlessly by the local authorities under definite instructions from London, is beyond question."

"It was admitted on January 8, 1942, in the House of Commons by Sir James Grigg, then War Minister, in the following words: 'The scorched earth policy has been and will continue to be pursued in the Far East to the maximum extent that is practicable, except for small supplies of food and water sufficient to meet the immediate necessities of the native population in Malaya. The denial of resources to the enemy in the Far East has been the policy of His Majesty's Government and instructions confirming this policy were issued as recently as December 24, 1941.'"

"Nothing could be clearer than this manly declaration made during the progress of the war," Sir George continued.

Curious Silence

"But when Malaya was re-occupied, and the time came for honouring the commitment involved in the policy, it was a different matter."

The Malayan Government's memorandum on war damage compensation maintains a curious silence on demolition, Sir George maintained.

After listing the types of demolitions, he concluded: "My submission is that the British Government should lose no time in making an honourable admission of its responsibility for the scorched earth policy and offer to meet all claims for demolitions as soon as they have been reduced to correct by the War Damage Commission."

"This compensation naturally would be in addition to the present offer of a free grant of £20,000,000. Otherwise the expression 'free grant' is a misnomer which reflects no credit upon anyone concerned in the offer."

LABOUR DEFEAT IN ULSTER

Belfast, May 19.

The Northern Ireland Labour Party was overwhelmingly defeated in municipal elections here today, while the Eire Labour Party, fighting its first municipal election, returned all its seven candidates. The Northern Ireland Labour Party's 11 candidates were all beaten. The Party lost seven seats, reducing its Council strength from eight to one. The Eire Labour Party's representation in the new Council is seven, compared with one in the old.

The Unionist Party increased its strength from 43 to 48. Three Communists were defeated. Other representation in the new Council is: Independent Unionist, three (as before) and Nationalist, one (three in the former Council). —Reuter.

Polish Approach To Britain

Warsaw, May 19.

The Polish Government has delivered to the British Embassy here a note asking for information about reports of Britain's decision to release Field-Marshal Gerd Von Rundstedt and Colonel General Adolf Strauss, of the German High Command.

The note, handed in last Tuesday and published here today, said that at Britain's request the Polish authorities had preferred evidence of war crimes said to have been committed by the Generals in Poland. The Polish Government would be astonished if press reports of the Germans' release were true, it added.

(Lord Henderson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Lords in London on May 5 that Rundstedt and Strauss are to be freed, medical evidence having shown that they are unfit to stand trial.) Diplomatic circles in Warsaw regard the Polish note as a further move in the anti-British propaganda campaign started since the arrest of Gerhard Eisler, German-born Communist on board the Polish liner Batory at Southampton last Saturday. The United States authorities have asked for Eisler's extradition.—Reuter.

WORLD CONTROL OF OPIUM

Lake Success, May 19.

India took the lead in the United Nations Narcotics Commission today in sponsoring the idea of restricting the world production of opium to medical and scientific use.

The Commission is discussing a proposal to hold a conference of opium-producing countries to arrive at a general convention on world production.

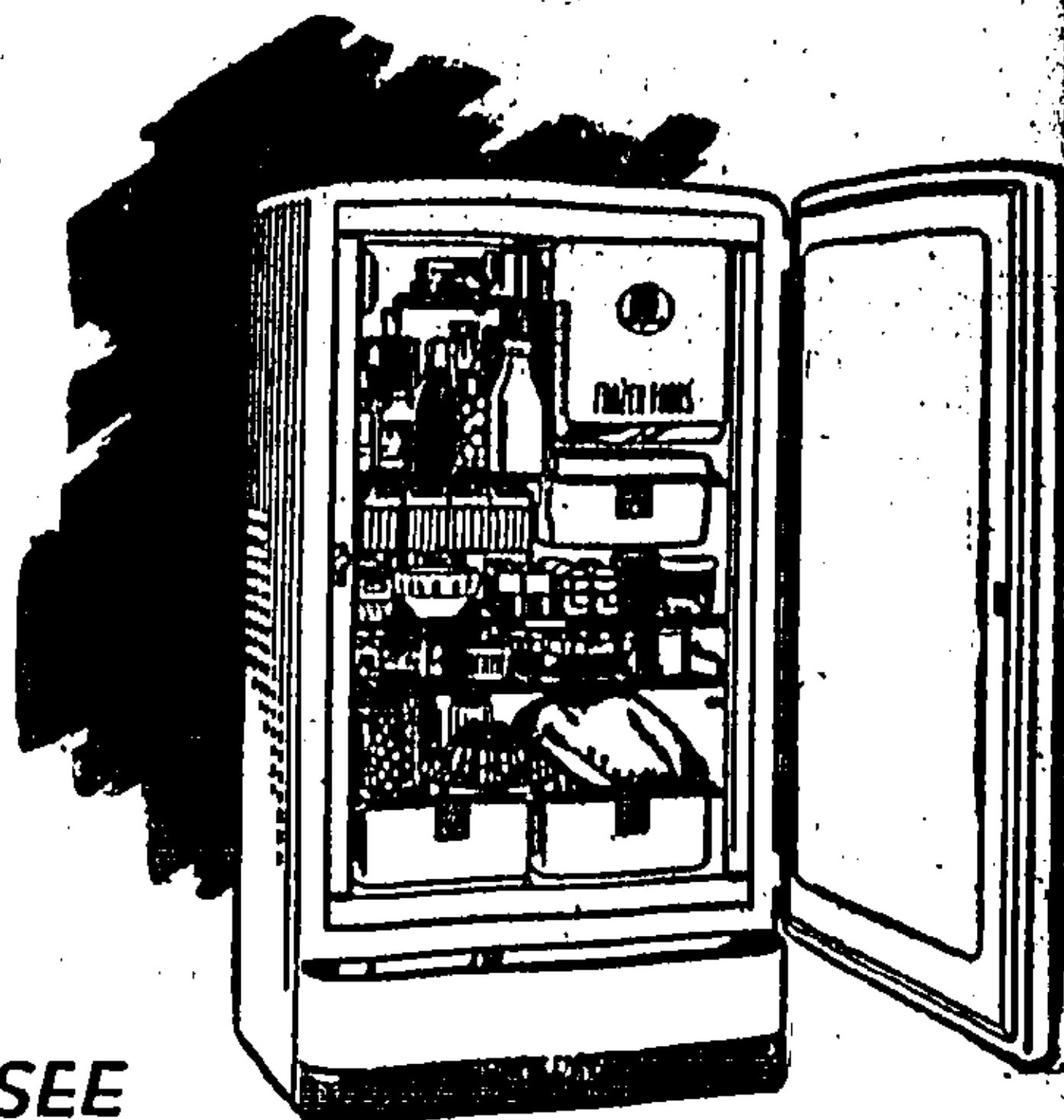
The representatives of Persia and Turkey—two major producers of opium—agreed to attend a conference. A Sub-Committee of India, Persia, Turkey, Russia, China and Yugoslavia was set up to plan the conference.—Reuter.

JOHORE DRAMA

Segamat, Johore, May 19.

A Malay woman aged 70 made an unsuccessful bid to save her daughter aged 50 from attack by a crocodile. The woman, Dara, reported that she was behind her daughter, Nol, when going towards their bathing enclosure on a river.

She said she heard a sudden splash, ran towards the spot and saw the tail of a crocodile. Suspecting that her daughter had been pulled down by the crocodile, she said: "I grasped the tail in an attempt to pull it ashore, but I soon lost my grip." The body of the victim was later recovered.—Reuter.

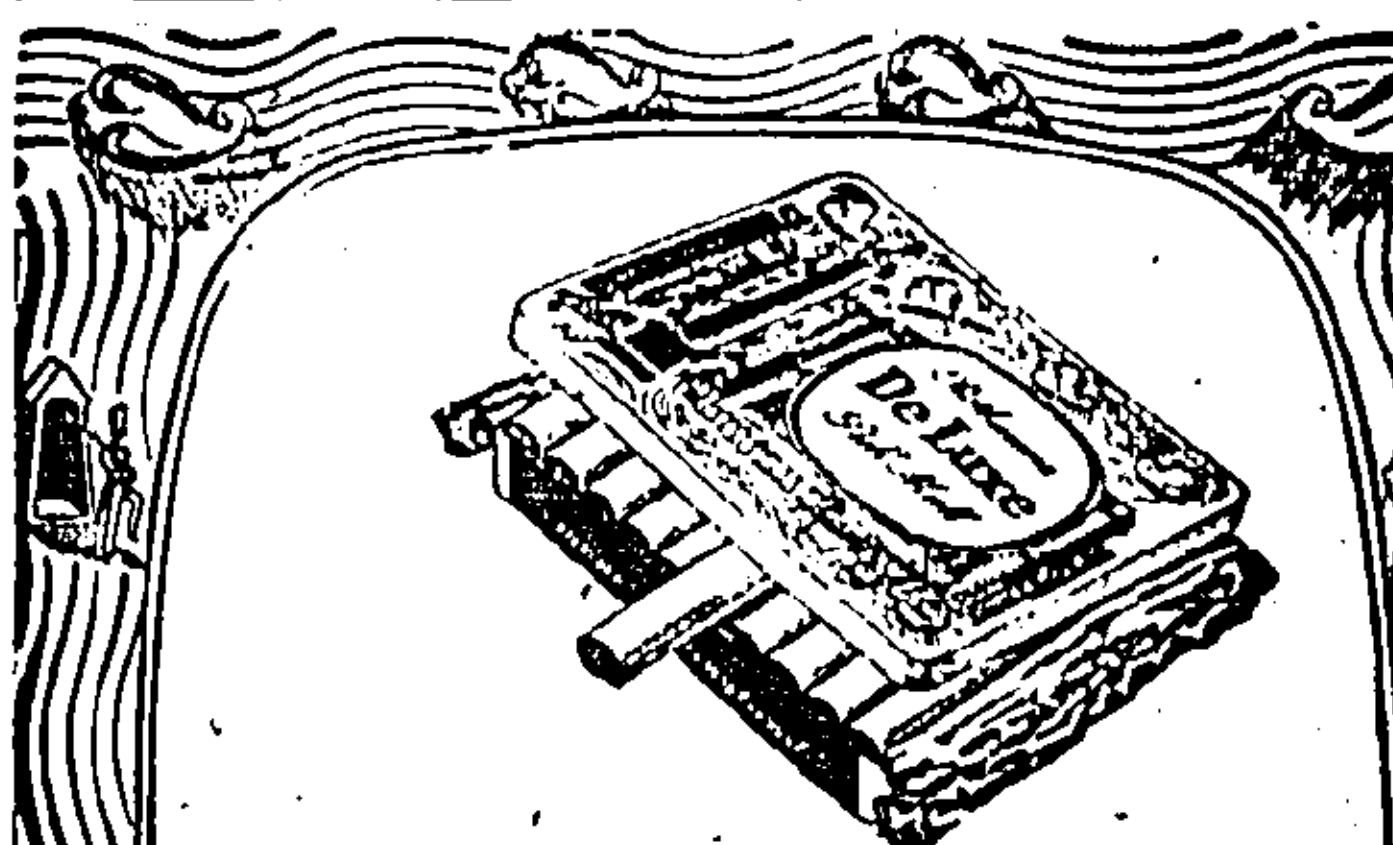


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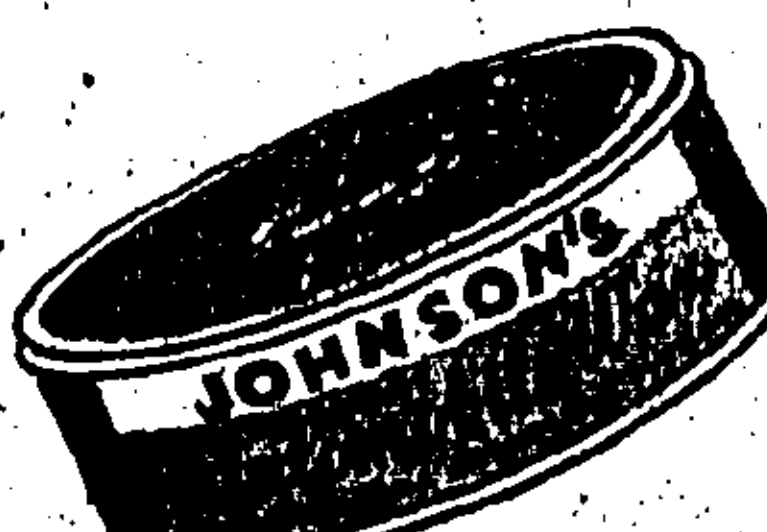
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"LITTLE BLOCKADE": BERLIN CONFUSION

Berlin, May 19.

The Russians tonight lifted the "Little Blockade" of Holmstedt on the British-Soviet sector boundary and then warned that it will be re-imposed tomorrow.

The "Little Blockade" began with the Russians demanding permits for German vehicles. Later they announced that tomorrow all German trucks will require permits—or they will not be allowed to roll on to Berlin.

These moves ended the confusion which held up traffic during the evening. Confusion over further Russian "restrictions" on road transport into Berlin, after they had earlier today lifted their "little blockade" cause difficulties tonight.

Trouble arose when report and counter-report came in quick succession of new restrictions, with-out hindrance, by the Russians.

Developments today: (1) After last night's Western protest, the Russians allowed Allied vehicles—but not German trucks—to come direct to Berlin from Holmstedt, British zone, by the autobahn via Marienborn. They insisted that German vehicles use the alternative route via Oedelsfelde, narrower and longer.

(2) Within a short time trucks were streaming along both routes.

(3) On the Oedelsfelde route tonight the Russians began stopping all German trucks with consignments for the Western sector. German administration in Berlin, which they do not recognise. They allowed all other German trucks to pass.

(4) The British authorities in Berlin warned that it might become necessary to stop road supplies to Berlin if present difficulties continue in trade and vehicle movement across the East-West zonal boundary. An official British statement laid full blame for the difficulties on the Russians.

(5) Major-General George P. Hays, Acting United States Military Governor, also protested to General Chulikov, Soviet Military Governor, protesting against travel and trade restrictions. The details of his letter were not disclosed.

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(7) Lastly, from Holmstedt, came news that, without notification, the Russians had begun to allow German trucks to use the autobahn via Marienborn.

Conditions, so far as the autobahn were concerned, thus reverted to the position of last Tuesday, when the Russians began demanding that German road consignments to Berlin must be counter-signed by the Soviet Zone Economic Commission.

The Russian authorities countered Western protests by alleging that the British and American Governments them-

selves had failed to carry out the New York agreement on the lifting of the blockade. A report circulated by the Soviet-licensed German news agency less than half an hour before the news of the protests by Generals McLean and Hays became known, said:

"(1) The British authorities are holding back in the British zone 22 barges loaded with manganese ore for the Soviet zone."

"(2) Despite a Soviet protest, the Americans have refused to hand back a number of Soviet zone locomotives seized by them in Berlin."

General Howley said the Russians appear to be playing the same subtle economic game that they had played before the blockade was imposed last year. He added: "But this time we have our eyes open."

"This is a period of watchful waiting to determine just what the Russian intent is. The Russian restrictions appear to be designed regarding our full and equal economic rights here in Berlin, which is not part of the Soviet Zone, economically or otherwise. It can exist only if all parts of Germany have free access to it."

—Reuter and United Press.

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No Bartering In New Meetings On Germany

Washington, May 20.

On the eve of his departure for the Big Four conference in Paris, the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said that he will not barter away to Russia any successes already scored by the West in rebuilding a democratic Germany.

He warned the American people against the luxury of either undue pessimism or premature optimism as to the outcome of the new East-West talks. No one can tell whether the Paris meetings will succeed or fail, he said.

He appealed for steadiness and consistency in the American foreign policy, declaring it would be tragic if this nation should prematurely slacken its efforts to get the kind of world it wants at the first sign of success.

Mr. Acheson issued a statement on his Paris policy after a closed session with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to which he explained in detail what amounts to a "no compromise" attitude toward dealing with the Russians. His declaration made it emphatically clear that he will not make concessions which in his opinion would extend the Russian influence into the Western German zone.

The Committee Chairman, Mr. Tom Connally, Democrat, thinks the Committee is in complete agreement with Mr. Acheson's views.

Mr. Acheson asserted that the main line of U.S. action must not become subject to the fluctuation produced by a rising and lowering of the international temperature.

To permit that, he said, in effect would give Russia a large measure of control over the conduct of U.S. foreign relations.

"There is perhaps nothing more important in the world today than the steadiness and consistency of the foreign policy of this Republic. Too much depends on the United States for us to indulge in the luxury of either undue pessimism or premature optimism."

"Our foreign policy has been and must continue to be guided by the fundamental interests of the United States in our quest for a world of peace and security."—Associated Press.

Churchill's Daughter "Cover Girl"

New York, May 20. Sarah Churchill, Winston Churchill's daughter, is "Life" magazine's "cover girl" this week.

"Life" national U.S. magazine, depicts an amused smiling Sarah, her hair swept by the wind.

An inside pictorial story tells how "Mule" (the nickname her father gave her for her obstinacy) rose in the theatre from the chorus to achieve her life long dream of film stardom in the British production "All Over the Town."—Associated Press.

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CHARLES E DANT (Doddwell)	1	
FLYING DRAGON (USL)	ex-Ban	
Francisco		
LIGHTNING (USL) ex-Ban	Francisco	
MARINE CHAFFER (AFL) ex-Ban	Francisco	
MONTANA (Doddwell)		
PRES. HARRISON (ATL)	ex-Ban	
Francisco		
PRES. MADISON (ATL)	ex-Ban	
Francisco		
TAHRIS (EA)		Aug.
ARIZONA (Doddwell) ex-Los Angeles		
GREAT REPUBLIC (USL)	ex-Ban	
Francisco		
WYOMING (Doddwell)	13	
AUSTRALIA		
BOOCHOW (B & B)		May
CITOS (Doddwell)		June
KAFIUSTAN (Jardine)	12	
CHINA		
CHIAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Incheon		May
HYOYANG (Jardine) ex-Incheon	21	
THIRAN (B & B) ex-Swato	21	
WINGCHING (Jardine) ex-Kobe	21 & 29	
YOHOW (B & B) ex-Tientsin	21 & 29	
BRADYVERETT (Everett) ex-S'hal.		June

PIONEER LAKE (USL)	ex-Shanghai	11
PIONEER DAND (USL)	ex-Shanghai	13
PIONEER WAVE (USL)	ex-Shanghai	July
EUROPE		
BENAVON (Loxley)	ex-UK	May
KOREA (EA)		28
LT DE LA TOUR (MM)	ex-Europe	End
MENTOR (B & J)		22
NORDFART (EA)		24
OLUF MATREK (Gliman)		27
TAMERLANE (Thornson)		24
June		
ANCHIBES (D & B)	ex-UK via Straits	2

BENARTY (Loxley) via Singapore, Farly	
BENLOMOND (Cooley) via S'pore 2nd half	
BENVENUE (Loxley) via S'pore 1st half	
BENVRACTE (Loxley) via S'pore 2nd	
BLANKAHN (EA)	Mid
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-London	Mid
CORPU (P & O) ex-London	5
CYCLOPS (B & S) via Straits	78
DEUCALION (B & S) via Straits	17
GLENEARN (Jardine) ex-London	1
GLENGARRY (Jardine) ex-London	80
MEERKRE (RIL)	Early
SOUDAN (Mac Mac) ex-London	12
RTE MERE EGGLESE (MM)	1st half
TAI PING YANG (Thoresen)	Mid
TONGHAL (Gillman)	End

AMSTEDDIJK (RIL)	Early
ANDRE LEDON (MM) ex-Marcellus Bes.	Early
BENLAWEERS (Lonley) via S'pore	Early
CANTON (P & O) ex-London	4
CLONGYLEY (Jardine) ex-London	16
MONGOLIA (EA)	Mid
RADNORSIINE (Jardine) ex-London 12	Mid
TAI YIN (Thorsen)	End
CARTHAGE (P & O) ex-London	1
CORFUP (P & O) ex-London	29
HJUNKERK (RIL)	Early
MALAYA (EA)	Mid
CANTON (Mac Mac) ex-London	Sept

INDIA		May
ESANG (Jardine) ex-Calcutta		28
ITRIA (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta		28
SIRDHANA (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta		29
SANGOLA (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta		Jan
		20
 JAPAN		
		May
BALUCHISTAN (Jardine)		20
FLYING CLOUD (Pattison) ex-Japan	21	
MOLLENKER (RIL)		End
MELLEORE (B & A) ex-Kobe and		

Yuckchama	.....	5
POYANG (B & S) ex-Kobe	.....	6
SHIRALA (Mac Mac) ex-Japan and	.....	2
Amoy	.....	2
STAR ALCYONE (Everett) ex-Kobe	.....	2
YUNAN (B & S)	.....	Jan
SHUHLONG (Mac Mac) ex-Japan	.....	
TRESILLIAN (Mac Mac)	.....	

SOUTH EAST PORTS

CARRICK BEND (Everett) ex-Singapore	.....	Ma
HONGSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	.....	2

NEWCHANG (B & S)	ex-Ishakoo	29/5	
SIR JOHN FRANKLIN	(Patillon)		
ex-Manila		2	
NINGHAI (B & S)	ex-Strutt		
TRISAJENGKA (RIL)	ex-Macassar	2	
TURKS HEAD	(Everett)	ex-Manila	
			June
BRADVERETT (Everett)	ex-Manila		
NOREVERETT (Everett)	ex-Singapore		
PRES. JOHNSON	(APL)	ex-Java	
		Ports	
STAR ALCYONE (Everett)	ex-Manila		1
STAR BETELGEUSE (Everett)	ex-Singapore		1
TUSADANE (RIL)	ex-Java	ports	
VAN HEUTZE (RIL)	ex-Bail		

PRES. HARRISON (APL) ex-Straita
SOUTH AMERICA
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SAILINGS TO
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 day
 18. STRAAT GOEN'DA (RIL).

Dec. LYDE LATOUR (MM) for North Africa.
10 ETTRICKIANK (Bank) for S. Africa
23 TIEBELBERG (BIL).
End. STE. MERE ECLISE (MM) for North Africa.
July
18 TISKAMPEK (BIL).
August
10 RÜYS (BIL).

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

May
25 LONGVIEW VICTORY (Gillman) v

16 PANAMA (Doddwell) for Vancouver
via Oklawaha
27 BATAAN (Hama) via Los Angeles
28 FLYING CLOUD (Pattison) for New
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37 LAURA MAERUK (Jensen) for New
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13	CUTLER		
13	PIONEER DALE (USL)	100	M
14	TON		
14	PIONEER LAND (USL)	100	M
15	TON		
15	DONA AURORA (TUBS)	514	Y
54	Asagiam		

13	PIONEER DALE (U.S.)	for M
14	PIONEER LAND (U.S.)	for M
15	DOMA AURORA (U.S.)	via Y

13	PIONEER DALE (U.S.)	for M
14	PIONEER LAND (U.S.)	for M
15	DOMA AURORA (U.S.)	via Y

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S.S. "CHOVSANG"	Incheon & Tientsin	23rd May			
S.S. "WINGSANG"	Foochow via Keelung	31st May			
S.S. "ESANG"	Keelung & Japan	1st June			
S.S. "CHAKSANG"	Incheon & Tientsin	2nd June			
S.S. "HANGSANG"	Sandakan	3rd June			
ARRIVALS FROM					
S.S. "WINGSANG"	Keelung & Foochow	21st May			
S.S. "CHOVSANG"	Incheon & Tientsin	21st May			
S.S. "HANGSANG"	From Sandakan	24th May			
S.S. "ESANG"	Calcutta & Straits	26th May			
S.S. "WINGSANG"	Foochow & Keelung	29th May			
S.S. "CHAKSANG"	Incheon & Tientsin	30th May			
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 Due Hong Kong from Japan about 26th May when load
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 Direct for Manila, Cebu, Zamboanga and Davao.
 Loads 27th May Sails 28th May.

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 Now loading Australian Ports. Sails Brisbane about 4th

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M.V. "GLEN EARN" For Straits, Belawan, Colombo, Sue Port Said, Tangiers Casablanca, Lon

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 discharge cargo)
ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS:
 Leaves London due Hong Kong
 M.V. "GLENEARN" 22nd April 1st June
 M.V. "BRECONSHIRE" 7th May 12th June
 M.V. "GLENGARRY" 25th May 30th June
 M.V. "RADNORSHIRE" 5th June 12th July
 M.V. "GLENGYLE" 20th June 26th July

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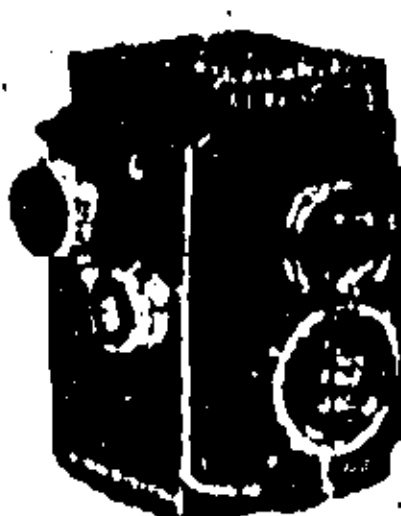
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SIXTH RACE MEETING AT VALLEY TODAY

(By "RAPIER")

The Sixth Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to be held at the Valley this afternoon, is the penultimate meeting, after which there will be a two-day meeting early in June.

Ten events are down for decision today with the first Saddling Bell at 1.30 p.m. and the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

The principal event this afternoon is the Lantau Handicap, a forced entry for Australian Ponies of 1949 classified Class 4. The big Special Cash Sweep will be decided on the result of this race which is the second on the programme.

Mr. B. L. Tao, who arrived back in the Colony from the North last week after visiting his father, will be seen in action.

First Race
Rocky Bay Stakes: From The Two Mile Post Once Round And In.

The curtain rises on this event for Australian Ponies of 1949 classified Class 5, with Novice jockeys as pilots, and a most interesting race should ensue.

The Tigress (Mr. C. T. L. Tsang), by virtue of his win in the Mount Davis Stakes (Second Section) at the last meeting with Mr. Kwok up over this distance, will no doubt be in big demand. I, however, prefer Jennifer (Mr. Thomas) which was second in the Appleton Handicap over the mile on the first day of the Easter Meeting under Mr. Needa, as this pony is very fit at the moment.

Harmonious (Mr. Williamson) is also dangerous as it won the Yamniti Stakes (First Section) over the two mile post at the Easter Meeting, first day, but for those who are looking for an outsider I would recommend bearing Atomic Power (Mr. H. W. Mok) in mind.

Sportsmaster (Mr. Darkin), winner of the Appleton Handicap over the mile on the first day of the Easter Meeting with Mr. Tao up, is not altogether out of the running and will, probably have a say in the finish.

Second Race
Lantau Handicap: From The Two Mile Post Once Round And In. The biggest field of the day will turn out here and the Special Sweep will depend on the result. This race will be contested by Australian Ponies of 1949 classified Class 4, and I don't think I shall be far wrong in saying the winner will come from one of the following: Ringmer (Mr. K. F. Chiu), First Alarm (Mr. Holgate), Lucky Jane (Mr. Shieh), Empress Delight (Mr. Needa), and Shun Lee (Mr. Maitland).

Ringmer, winner of the Taikook Handicap (Second Section) at the Easter Meeting over six furlongs, has a good chance of winning here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

First Alarm was second in the first section of the above race and must, therefore, be seriously considered.

Lucky Jane with Mr. Thomas up, which came second to Ringmer in the above race, is a much improved pony and should not be ignored.

Empress Delight will have Mr. Needa as pilot and although unplaced the last time out with Mr. Ng up by boring out, should redeem itself here under the capable handling of this crack jockey and it should not disappoint.

Shun Lee is good over this distance and can be depended to give a good fight to the end.

Third Race
Deep Bay Handicap (First Section): One Mile.
This race will be contested by Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified: Class 4, and

although Anyway (Mr. Brodie) only just managed to beat Lana (Mr. Needa) by a head in the Customs Pass Handicap (First Section) ridden by Messrs. Shieh and S. W. Lee respectively, at the Third Race Meeting over Once Round, I am inclined to believe that today, in view of the longer distance coupled with a change of jockeys, the result is likely to be reversed.

At any rate, the finish should again be fought out between these two ponies with Lana having a slight advantage.

National Congress (Mr. Maitland) and Golden Dragon (Mr. Wong Yan) may have something to say with regard to the third position, but I don't think they can win.

Fourth Race
Clear Water Bay Handicap (First Section): One And A Quarter Miles.
In this race for Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 5 over the Champion

distance, it is no easy problem to spot the ultimate winner. Although it will again have Mr. Alexander as pilot, I expect Victorious will find the distance much too long.

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Bellona is dangerous; its chance of winning here will depend a good deal on strong urging on the part of its jockey, Mr. Holgate can be expected to get the best out of his mount.

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Fifth Race
Silver Mine Bay Handicap: Once Round.
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Home Builder was second to Jeep Hee in the above race and in view of the performance I think it will win.

Unless Amaranth, which was third in this same race, can get off to a good start it will be unable to overhaul Home Builder.

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Shun Fung is also good as it has won a race over this distance in good time at the Annual Meeting.

Sixth Race
Junk Bay Handicap (First Section): One Mile.
Among the entries for this race, which is confined to Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 3, I like the chances of Rebel (Mr. Holgate). The Chief (Mr. Alexander), Seafire (Mr. Tao) and Masterpiece (Mr. Castro). Rebel came second in the Salween Handicap (Second Section) over the thum-

ing distance at the Easter Meeting with Mr. Castro up, and on the performance, I think it should win.

The Chief is a pony that is constantly improving and judging from its win in the Shaikwan Handicap (First Section) at the Easter Meeting over the two mile post, it should have a good chance of winning.

Seafire, winner of the second section of the Shaikwan Handicap of winning and should be in at the finish. Masterpiece, although unplaced the last time out, is a capable miler and the distance should suit it to a nicety. An upset from this combination is quite possible.

Seventh Race
Tytam Bay Handicap: Six Furlongs.
This sprint race for Australian Ponies of 1949 classified Class 3 has attracted 12 entries and, in view of the short distance, an upset is probable.

From the entries the following should be worth watching: Foyle (Mr. Ostroumoff), Liberty Ship (Mr. Kwok), Pegasus (Mr. Alexander), Maniac (Mr. Shieh) and Lucky Starter (Mr. K. S. Shu).

I strongly fancy Foyle as the distance is well suited for this pony although it failed to win at the Easter Meeting over the mile.

Main challenge should come from Liberty Ship which is quite at home over this distance and should not be ignored.

Then there is Pegasus to be considered as it is fast over this distance and given a good start, might cause an upset, while Maniac, a fast improving pony, may probably extend the others.

Lucky Starter should also be kept in mind as it is quite capable of upsetting calculations, as it can move fairly fast over this distance.

Eighth Race
Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.
In the second section of the race for Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 3, Happy Valley, King of Peace, Pearl Diver, Pleasant Valley and Sunlight are called on to carry the maximum load of 155 lb., followed by Bootsie and Noonday Sunday with 150 lb. each.

In order to win, they will have to reveal outstanding form, which I don't think we need expect, as they can be left out of consideration.

It seems to me that Mink, with Mr. Ostroumoff on top, should have a good chance of scoring a win here, but there are Chief Pilot (Mr. Ching) and Lili Marlene (Mr. Young) to be watched.

Crown Witness will be ridden by Mr. K. F. Chiu. Although this pony is at the moment fighting fit, I doubt if it can do better than place.

On account of the low weight which it will be carrying (140 lb.) Beckenham (Mr. Maitland), is a

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(By "ROYER")

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'Rapier's' Selections For Today

Race No. 1
JENNIFER
THE TIGRESS
HARMONY
Outsider: Atomic Power.

Race No. 2
EMPRESS DELIGHT
FIRST ALARM
RINGMER
Outsider: Shun Lee.

Race No. 3
LANA
ANYWAY
NATIONAL CONGRESS
Outsider: Golden Dragon.

Race No. 4
JEEP HING
BELLE FONTAINE
VICTORIOUS
Outsider: Countess Delight.

Race No. 5
SHUN FUNG
HOME BUILDER
AMARANTH
Outsider: Florella.

Race No. 6
REBEL
SEAFIRE
THE CHIEF
Outsider: Masterpiece.

Race No. 7
FOYLE
MANIAC
LIBERTY SHIP
Outsider: Pegasus.

Race No. 8
MINK
CHIEF PILOT
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The first of these two matches, which is in aid of the dependents of four members of the Police Force who were killed in the line of duty, will be played at Boundary Street at 6 p.m. today between Chinese Athletic and Kowloon Motor Bus.

The other game, which will be for the dependents of Royal Navy personnel killed in the Yangtze shelling, will be played at Soekunpo tomorrow between a Rest of the Colony XI and Combined Chinese Athletic at 8 p.m.

As a curtain raiser to today's game at Boundary Street, a match between the Police and a Prison XI has been arranged. This game will start at 4.30 p.m.

In view of the keen rivalry which always exists between Chinese Athletic and Kowloon Motor Bus, the meeting between these two teams this afternoon is expected to provide plenty of fast and interesting soccer.

Kowloon Motor Bus were runner-up in the First Division of the local soccer league this season, while Chinese Athletic finished one point behind the busmen.

It was at one time thought that a play-off between these two teams would be necessary to decide the runners-up position, but the fates decreed otherwise.

Chinese Athletic are, therefore, expected to go all out in their game today to prove to their supporters if Dame Fortune had been a little kinder and given them the chance to meet the busmen in a fight to decide the runners-up position, they would have come out on top.

A very strong Chinese combination has been selected to play against the Rest tomorrow and if the Chinese players who have been selected actually take the field, it is difficult to visualise an easy victory for the Rest.

Chinese soccer prestige suffered a serious setback as a result of the splendid victory by Combined Services in the Victory Shield match on Wednesday.

In order to redeem themselves, therefore, the Chinese players are expected to give of their best in order to convince their supporters that yesterday's defeat was only a temporary lapse.

The following is the week-end programme:

Today
Charity Matches
Police vs Prisoners at Boundary Street, kick-off 4.30 p.m.
Chinese AA vs Kowloon Motor Bus at Boundary Street, kick-off 6 p.m.

Tomorrow
Charity Match
Rest of Colony vs Combined Chinese at Soekunpo, kick-off 8 p.m.

Lawn Bowls Matches
At King's Park yesterday, Indian RC beat Club de Recreio "B" in a First Division League lawn bowls match by 65 shots to 52.

FIRST DIVISION
Recreio "B" Indian RC
D.A. Gutierrez M.J. Rusak
R.N. Pines A.J. Husain
A.R. Minu A.T. Minu
B.A.P. Gutierrez J. Hoosen
(Skip) (Skip)
P.M.N. da Silva M.D. Hassan
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G.R. Berman A.R. Berman
G.V. Remedios A.K. Minu
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A.V. Goano A.M. Roshan
R.N. Pines A.M. Wahab
C.M. Silva R. Youst
C. Rosa Pereira U.A. Ramishan
(Skip) (Skip)
Total 58 Total 55

In a Second Division League Lawn Bowls match at Costa Road yesterday, Pines beat Kowloon CC by 44 shots to 11.

SECOND DIVISION
Kowloon CC Pines Club
G.R. Berman J.A. Delgado
G.R. Berman F. Rodriguez
T.M. Capill W.G. Ogley
(Skip) (Skip)
H. Gutierrez D.H. Chang
D. Green A.Y. Lee
T.A. Tibble D.A. Rosario
L. Leila C.R. Lee
J.M. Pines J.W. Lee
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Total 51 Total 45

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School Football Season Ends

The curtain dropped on the 1948/1949 Hong Kong School Football season yesterday amid scenes of great enthusiasm as hundreds of school-boys and their parents attended the final games on the Club Ground at Happy Valley.

The Knock-out Competition was won by St. Joseph's, who beat Taikoo by three goals to one to annex the "David Lolo Memorial Cup" while the Junior Championship for the Laidard Cup was won by La Salle, who beat Kowloon Wah Yan by one clear goal.

La Salle also won the Senior Championship and thus earned the right to hold the "Archie Goldenberg Memorial Cup" for another year.

On conclusion of yesterday's games, the different Cups were presented to the Captains of the respective teams by Mrs. Morse, wife of the Hon. Mr. Arthur Morse, President of the Hong Kong Football Association.

In a short speech before calling upon Mrs. Morse to present the trophies, Mr. E. Howell, Director of Education, paid tribute to the fine work which had been done on behalf of School Football by "Uncle" Gulgum.

Mr. Howell was also loud in his praise of Captain H. J. Chisnall, Army Sports Officer, as well as those referees and linesmen who had officiated at School games and without whose co-operation School Football would not have reached its present standard.

Mention was also made by Mr. Howell of the fact that the Knight Cup, presented by Sir Frederick D. Laidard, a former Governor of Hong Kong, was the oldest soccer Cup in the Colony.

It was first won by Diocesan Boys' School in 1908. During the Japanese Occupation of Hong Kong, it turned up in Stanley Internment Camp in a dilapidated condition.

After the Liberation, the Cup was restored to its present condition by Mr. de Merit, the then Director of Education.

La Salle 1—Kowloon Wah Yan 0
In the curtain raiser, La Salle beat Kowloon Wah Yan by one goal to nil in a fast and interesting game to win the Junior Championship.

The solitary goal was scored in the first half by Lam Fai during a goalmouth melee.

Kowloon Wah Yan practically overran La Salle, but their forwards failed to make any headway against the determined La Salle defence, which contested every inch.

La Salle: Chan Chun-pu, Mak Sing-kun, Luk Wing-kwong, William Hung, Remedios, Wu Kwok-chung, Chan Kan-wah, Xavier, Chan Ki-hung, Fung Hau-ply and Lam Fai.

Kowloon Wah Yan: Lau Kwok-sing, Lo Yu-kung, Kwun Tung-sang, Yeung Suk-lee, Lee Tsz-sau, Yeung Kam-yul, Ko Yee-lai, Wan Yik-yun, Chan Yu-wah, Ngai Kwok-kung and Fan Chi-chuen.

St. Joseph's 3—Taikoo 1
Play started off at a brisk pace, with St. Joseph's showing up well in midfield but weak when it came to putting the finishing touches.

Taikoo were not to be outdone and the forwards, among whom Wong Sun-man was outstanding, were a repeated source of danger to the St. Joseph's goal.

St. Joseph's took the lead midway during the first half when Lee, Cheung-sing gathering forward pass by G. Small, went through to net with a beautiful shot from a difficult angle.

Crossing over one goal in arrears, Taikoo played with determination and the St. Joseph's defence was given a grueling time holding off the keen thrusts of the opposing forwards.

Taikoo were rewarded for their efforts when Wong Sun-man, whose brilliant play kept him continually in the spotlight, netted with a powerful drive.

This reverse immediately put the Saints on their mettle and they launched a powerful raid in the Taikoo goal, which had a narrow escape as a powerful shot struck the crossbar.